




# TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS

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**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**  
of the  
**TOWN OF**  
**OAK BLUFFS**



**For the Year Ending December 31, 2014**

**With Which are Included the**  
**ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT**

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
of the  
TOWN OF  
OAK BLUFFS

Another in our series of Town Report covers by local artists...

**Ewellen Carlos** is a ninth grade student at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. After a one semester photography class with teacher Chris Baer, she agreed to submit a photograph for the Town Report cover, which depicts "Illumination Night" at the Campground, an iconic annual August event in Oak Bluffs.



# **IN MEMORIAM**

We respectfully remember those citizens who gave of themselves and  
their talents to serve Oak Bluffs.

## **DAVID M. WESSLING**

Historic District Study Committee

Plan Review Committee

Planning Board

Town Hall Renovation Committee

Copeland District

Cottage City Historic District Commission

Community Preservation Committee

## **IRENE GAINES**

Council on Aging

## **EDWIN IRVING LANDERS**

Cemetery Department Foreman

## **PATRICIA COSTA**

Town Treasurer





# IN MEMORIAM

We respectfully remember those citizens who gave of themselves and their talents to serve Oak Bluffs.

**HAROLD HILL**

Special Officer

Police Officer

**PATRICIA MASEDA**

Librarian

**MELVIN K. CLARK**

Council on Aging

**ANN MARGETSON**

Copeland District

Board of Health Appointment to Martha's Vineyard Land Bank

# 2014

## STATE OFFICIALS

### U.S. Senator

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### Representative in General Court Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket District

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State House, Boston, MA 02133  
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### County Commissioners

County Administrative Building  
9 Airport Road, PO Box 190, Edgartown, MA 02539  
508.696.3840  
Leon Braithwaite – West Tisbury  
John S. Alley – West Tisbury  
Tristan R. Israel – Tisbury  
Christine Todd – Oak Bluffs

Leonard Jason Jr. – Chilmark  
Thomas Hallahan – Oak Bluffs  
David Holway – Edgartown



# TOWN OFFICERS

## TOWN OFFICERS

2014

### Moderator

Jesse B. Law II	2016
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### Members of the Board of Selectman

Kathleen A. Burton	2015
Gregory Coogan, Chairman	2015
Gail M. Barmakian	2016
Michael J. Santoro	2017
Walter W. Vail	2017

### Town Clerk

Laura B. Johnson	2017
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### Members of the Board of Health

William White	2015
John Campbell	2016
Patricia Bergeron	2017

### Park Commissioners

Allan A. deBettencourt	2016
Richard Combra, Jr.	2016
Amy K. Billings, Chairman	2017

### Cemetery Commissioners

Jesse B. Law III	2015
Linda Wilson	2016
John Victor Tiernan	2017

### Constables

George Warren	2016
David Oliveira	2016

### Tree Warden

Joseph M. deBettencourt	2015
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### School Committee

Kristine A. O'Brien	2015
Lisa Anne Reagan	2016
Michael Hoyt	2017

### Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

Priscilla L. Sylvia	2016
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### **Finance and Advisory Committee**

Robert V. Huss	2015
Steven Auerbach, Chair	2015
Raymond Taylor	2015
John Boardman	2015
Michael Taus	2016
Herbert H. Kiehn, Jr.	2016
Maura J. McGroarty	2017
Abraham L. Seiman	2017
Kimberly V. Burke	2017

### **Planning Board**

Robert W. Fehl	2015
Erik Albert	2016
Kris W. Chvatal	2017
Brian Packish	2018
T. Ewell Hopkins, Jr.	2019

### **Wastewater Commission**

Hans von Steiger	2015
Robert A. Iadicicco	2016
Gail M. Barmakian	2017

## **Water District Officers 2014**

### **Moderator**

Duncan Ross	2016
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### **Commissioners**

Nelson S. Oliver	2015
Michael S. deBettencourt	2016
Raymond J. Moreis, Jr	2017



# APPOINTMENTS

## January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

### Town Administrator

Robert L. Whritenour, Jr.

February 12, 2017

### Town Accountant

Arthur Gallagher

March 14, 2015

### Affordable Housing Committee

Kathleen Burton  
Rosemary Byrd  
Marie Doubleday  
T. Ewell Hopkins  
Abraham Seiman  
Walter W. Vail

June 30, 2017  
June 30, 2017  
June 30, 2015  
June 30, 2014  
June 30, 2017  
June 30, 2017

### Bikeway Study Committee

Steve Auerbach  
Gail Barmakian  
Gregory Coogan  
T. Ewell Hopkins  
Margaret McGrath  
William McGrath  
Charles Rock

June 30, 2017  
June 30, 2017  
June 30, 2017  
June 30, 2017  
June 30, 2017  
June 30, 2017  
June 30, 2017

### Board of Assessors

Marie B. Allen  
Melanie M. Bilodeau  
Jesse B. Law, III

June 30, 2016  
June 30, 2014  
June 30, 2015

### Cape Light Compact

Richard Toole

June 30, 2017

### Cape and Vineyard Electric Coop

Richard Toole

June 30, 2017

### Capital Program Committee

Steven Auerbach  
Robert Fehl  
Bill McGrath  
John Newsom  
James Westervelt

June 30, 2017  
June 30, 2017  
June 30, 2017  
June 30, 2017  
June 30, 2016

### Community Development Council

Terry Appenzellar  
Iona Pressley  
Alison Shaw  
Priscilla Sylvia  
Richard Westcott  
James Westervelt

Open Ended  
Open Ended  
Open Ended  
Open Ended  
Open Ended  
Open Ended

### **Community Preservation Act Commission**

Amy Billings	June 30, 2017
Stephen Durkee	June 30, 2015
Joan Hughes	June 30, 2017
Jevon Rego	June 30, 2015
Charles Rock	June 30, 2016
Alison Shaw	June 30, 2017
Adam Wilson	June 30, 2017

### **Conservation Commission**

Terry Appenzellar	June 30, 2017
John Breckenridge	June 30, 2015
Helen Hinkle	June 30, 2014
Joan Hughes	June 30, 2016
Ronald Zentner	June 30, 2015

### **Copeland Plan District Review Board**

Allan deBettencourt	Open Ended
Injy Farak Lew	Open Ended
Ronald H. Mechur	Open Ended
Robyn B. Nash	Open Ended
Kerry Scott	Open Ended
Judy Shemit	Open Ended
Patricia Wallace	Open Ended
Barbara Whitmore	Open Ended

### **Cottage City Historical Commission**

Barbara Baskin	June 30, 2015
Kathleen Burton	June 30, 2014
Shelley Christiansen, Alternate	June 30, 2017
Matthew Cramer	June 30, 2015
Pamela Melrose	June 30, 2015
Philip Regan	June 30, 2015
Alison Shaw, Alternate	June 30, 2015
James Westervelt	June 30, 2016
S. David Wilson	June 30, 2014

### **Council on Aging**

Karen Achille	June 30, 2016
Francis Bernard, Alternate	June 30, 2017
Robert Blythe	June 30, 2017
Sandra Blythe	June 30, 2017
Leo Gagnon	June 30, 2016
Jacqueline Hunt	June 30, 2017
Jenifer Parkinson	June 30, 2017
Abraham Seiman	June 30, 2017
Walter Vail	June 30, 2017

### **Town Counsel**

Ronald H. Rappaport	Open Ended
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### **Director of Emergency Management**

Chief Erik Blake	June 30, 2016
Chief John Rose	June 30, 2016



<b>Fire Chief</b>		
John Rose		Open Ended
<b>Fire Inspectors</b>		
Antone Ferreira		Open Ended
Christopher Wiggin		Open Ended
James Moreis, Jr.		Open Ended
<b>Gas Inspector</b>		
Adam Mahoney		June 30, 2015
<b>Harbor Advisory Committee</b>		
Douglas A. Abdelnour, Jr.		June 30, 2015
John Breckenridge		June 30, 2016
Richard Combra		June 30, 2015
Jeffrey LaBell		June 30, 2015
Jason Lew		June 30, 2015
Thomas Norbury		June 30, 2015
David Pothier		June 30, 2016
<b>Harbormaster</b>		
Todd Alexander		Open Ended
<b>Assistant Harbormaster</b>		
David Grunden		Open Ended
<b>Herring Run Committee</b>		
David Grunden		Open Ended
Deacon Perrotta		Open Ended
<b>Historical Committee</b>		
Rene Balter		June 30, 2015
James L. Dearing		June 30, 2015
Joyce Dresser		June 30, 2015
Susan Gamble		June 30, 2015
Pamela Melrose		June 30, 2015
Alison Shaw		June 30, 2015
Susan E. Thompson		June 30, 2015
<b>Inspector of Wiring</b>		
James Rogers		Open Ended
<b>Island Housing Trust</b>		
Marie Doubleday		June 30, 2017
<b>Joint Transportation Committee</b>		
Richard Combra, Jr.		Open Ended
<b>Inspector of Wiring</b>		
James Rogers		Open Ended
<b>Library Board of Trustees</b>		
Deirdre Bohan		June 30, 2017
Shelley Brown		June 30, 2013
Beatrice J. Green		June 30, 2015

Lloyd Henke	June 30, 2015
Robert Huss	June 30, 2015
Peter Palches	June 30, 2014
Ann Ross	June 30, 2017

**Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council**

Holly Alaimo	June 30, 2015
Traeger diPietro	June 30, 2017
Wendy Palmer	June 30, 2016
Barry Stringfellow	June 30, 2016

**Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Advisory Committee**

Polly Bassett	Open Ended
Richard F. Coutinho	Open Ended
Elizabeth D Durkee	Open Ended
Robert Hammett	Open Ended

**Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority**

Alice Ryan Butler	June 30, 2017
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**Martha's Vineyard Steamship Authority Port Council**

Robert V. Huss	December 31, 2016
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**Oak Bluffs Housing Trust**

David Bailey	June 30, 2017
Gail Barmakian	June 30, 2017
Kathleen Burton	June 30, 2017
Gregory Coogan	June 30, 2017
Marie Doubleday	June 30, 2017
T. Ewell Hopkins	June 30, 2017
Michael Santoro	June 30, 2017
Walter Vail	June 30, 2017

**Personnel Board**

Robert Blythe	June 30, 2017
Gretchen Coleman-Thomas	June 30, 2017
John Lolley	June 30, 2017
Abraham Seiman	June 30, 2016

**Plumbing Inspector**

Charles Day, Jr.	June 30, 2015
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**Chief of Police**

Erik G. Blake	June 30, 2015
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**Board of Registrars**

Kathryn P. Collins	June 30, 2017
Mary Anne Cummings	June 30, 2015
Laura B. Johnston	Open Ended
Margaret A. Stafursky	June 30, 2016

**Roads and Byways Committee**

Erik G. Blake	Open Ended
John Bradford	Open Ended
Richard Combra, Jr.	Open Ended

Allen deBettencourt	Open Ended
Brian Packish	June 30, 2017
John Rose	Open Ended
Michael Santoro	Open Ended

**Shellfish Committee**

William Alwardt	June 39, 2017
Paul Humber	June 30, 2014
Fred Rick Huss	June 30, 2017
Mark G. Landers	June 30, 2014
Elizabeth Mansure	June 30, 2017
Dan Martino	June 30, 2017

**Shellfish Constable**

David W. Grunden	June 30, 2016
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**Sign Review Committee**

Richard Combra, Jr	Open Ended
Brian Packish	June 30, 2017
Alan J. Schweikert	Open Ended
Alison Shaw	Open Ended
Joseph Uranker	Open Ended

**Tax Collector**

Cheryll Sashin	Open Ended
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**Town Treasurer**

Sharon Jackson	Open Ended
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**Veteran's Agent**

JoAnn Murphy	Open Ended
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**Zoning Board of Appeals**

Kris Chvatal	June 30, 2016
James Dunn, Alternate	June 30, 2017
Michael Perry, Alternate	June 30, 2015
Andrea Rogers	June 30, 2015
George Warren	June 30, 2017
Peter W. Yoars	June 30, 2017



# GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Fellow citizens of Oak Bluffs:

It is my privilege to report on the state of the Town of Oak Bluffs during 2014.

First, thank you to the employees and many volunteers who contribute so much to the organization and progress of the Town.

It was both a successful and challenging year.

Financial issues are still a concern. Department Heads take care to forecast budget needs and carefully spend tax dollars.

The fishing pier on the North Bluff opened in June to the acclaim of fishing enthusiasts and people who just want easier access to trying their luck at catching a fish.

Ground was broken for the long awaited Fire/EMS Facility. This came after months of meetings and planning sessions and should be completed within the year.

The new fuel pumps at the Harbor have proven to be very popular with boaters and financially rewarding for the Town.

The Streetscape project was spearheaded by the Town Administrator and the newly energized Planning Board. It will revitalize the downtown, bringing a more welcoming

approach for our visitors and some infrastructure improvements to the Town.

Plans are being made for a new culvert to clear Farm Pond.

Along with success, there was frustration. FEMA continues to be a challenge. We enjoyed success at "Little Bridge" but so far have not received proper funding for the North Bluff or East Chop. However, thanks to help from the State and a new plan for North Bluff, the Town will proceed without help from the Federal government to build a sea wall and a boardwalk.

The Strategic Plan annual update meeting was held in the Fall, the Selectmen continue to analyze and advocate the needs perceived by the Board to be essential for the wellbeing of our citizens and visitors.

Despite the challenges, we continue to work toward our stated goals, each success brings us closer. No matter the setbacks – we are always "Proud to be from OB"

Respectfully submitted,

GREGORY A. COOGAN  
Chairman

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

In 2014 the Town continued to make progress in its long-term financial stabilization program, and began to receive recognition from outside agencies for the hard work that has strengthened the Town's financial position. Toward the end of the summer the Town received an evaluation from the bond rating agency, Standard and Poor's, which upgraded the Town's bond rating two jumps from an AA- to an AA+. In this analysis, the Town was given a stable outlook for the future, and was cited for its good financial management.

While the upgraded bond rating certainly gives the Town a strong sense of achievement, in no way does it signify an ability to lessen our focus on our financial stability. Our Town continues to face a host of financial challenges that will require our careful thought and a great deal of teamwork to overcome. Notwithstanding our idyllic location and enormous natural beauty, we remain a small town with limited means. With pressure from the restrictions of Proposition 2 ½ as well as the modest incomes of most local residents, the Town needs to carefully limit spending to levels supported by available revenues. If we maintain this focus, the Town will remain financially strong.

One of the areas that has contributed strongly to our recent progress has been the financial and management planning that the Town has used to help guide its decisions. The Board of Selectmen has pursued an annual strategic planning process that first articulated and then honed a vision for our Town services. Setting forth a vision, the Board has highlighted the most salient issues that face our Town. This framework has given the Town a tool by which to measure our progress in a methodical way. For example, emerging from the strategic vision to address our local infrastructure and improve financial planning, the Town has developed a detailed Capital Improvement Program to map out our capital investments. By adopting a longer term view the Town has been able to prioritize its needs and spread them out, with larger projects scheduled to coincide with the retirement of previous debt to keep the tax rate stable. The result is real progress in meeting our capital needs without raising the Town's tax rate.

This strategy has been used to first identify then address the Town's most emergent building need for a new Fire Station. By timing the bond payments to start when older bonds are retired, the Town has planned and implemented a project to provide a safe and modern station to house our newly consolidate Fire and Rescue Department. Together with the additional training and organization of the Department, the modern, fully-equipped facility will better protect the Town and its residents for decades to come. The new station will open in 2015.

In this way the Town has also made other great strides. Our Fishing Pier project was completed by the State and dedicated on June 19. This was the largest public fishing pier project in the Commonwealth, and will provide ocean access for every resident, regardless of their mobility. That's just phase one for the public improvements to our North Bluff area. The Town was also successful in 2014 in securing a \$3.6 million grant from the State Division of Conservation and Recreation for a new seawall and ocean-front boardwalk adjacent to the Harbor, Fishing Pier and Steamship wharf. This project will not only create an instant first-class attraction by providing an ocean-front walkway from the harbor to the downtown, but it will also provide significant infrastructure to protect our coastline from continued erosion from sea-level rise.

This year also saw a major improvement to our harbor and marina with the installation of a new fueling facility to service the large number of boats we attract. This modern facility, operated by our Harbormaster with an ethic of fair prices and a high level of service, has been an instant hit. Although the facility was only opened in late June of 2014, our sales far outpaced the initial estimates the Town used to justify the expenditure, demonstrating the high demand for fuel on the harbor. As a result, the facility will be easily paid for by the receipts it generates, and in the future will raise funds to help make other harbor improvements.

In 2014 the Town also embarked on a major planning study to engage the community in developing ways to improve the streetscapes and public infrastructure in our downtown areas. Great care is taken in managing our community to preserve our wonderful historic character, and it is hard to overstate the tremendous team effort it takes to maintain the historic charm we so enjoy. With the help of our Planning Board the Town brought in a professional urban design firm to work with the community to develop plans for improving sidewalks, lighting, way-finding and other elements of our public spaces to help update and improve their appearance. These public improvements will spur additional private investment that together will help make our historic downtown vibrant and strong for years to come. We have truly learned a great deal from this process, and have made strides in engaging our community as never before. With the use of social media, surveys and old-fashioned one-on-one discussions, the Streetscape project has not only helped us create a vision for the downtown, it has completely reshaped the way we outreach and interact with local residents.

Overall, 2014 was a great year for our Town, and as some of the financial pressures eased the Town was able to turn its attention to many pressing community development issues for the betterment of the Town. The Town has found a

way to channel its renewed energy and spirit into making our Town a better place to live, which also continues to make it a great place to visit. It is the caring energy of our local residents that makes this happen, and we are very proud of our strong values of communication and participation in our local government.

I am continually amazed by this community and the strength of its residents. I am both proud and thankful to serve as your Town Administrator. We currently have a great team effort going on in Town I salute all of our elective leaders, Department Heads and the members of our staff for

their hard work and caring attitudes. I also want to recognize the efforts of the administrative staff that has served the Office of the Selectmen and Town Administrator, Alice Butler and Shelley Carter, whose professionalism and positive impact extend throughout our entire community. Shelley, I wish you the best in your retirement.

Sincerely,

ROBERT L. WHRITENOUR, JR.  
Town Administrator



**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING REPORT**  
**APRIL 8, 2014**

This meeting was called to order at The Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, Oak Bluffs on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 by Moderator Jesse B. Law III at 7:25 P.M. A presentation was made for Priscilla Sylvia and Deborah Ratcliff thanking them for their many years of service to the town.

Moderator Law announced that the Town Budget we will vote tonight is the Green Sheet, Appendix A, which was handed out at the check-in table.

After the Pledge of Allegiance with 282 of the 3655 registered voters in attendance, the voters proceeded to act upon the posted warrant articles as follows with the exception of Article 28.

**Article 1.** Voted by the majority, as amended, to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,726,354., which sum shall include the transfer and appropriation from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund the sum of \$1,412,857 to fund and pay the departmental expenses and Town debt for the ensuing fiscal year 2015, July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

(Appendix A) A motion was made and printed information describing the Ambulance Reserve Budget will be available for the voters next year.

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: This article establishes the Fiscal Year 2015 Annual budgets for the various Town Departments as outlined in the attached Appendix A. Appendix C includes a budget worksheet showing sub-detailed line items.

**Article 2.** Voted by the majority to amend Section 14.2.2 of Personnel By-law for new employees not to be eligible for the sick time buy back. Propose new article to read:

14.2.2. *"One hundred twenty (120) days of sick leave credit may be accumulated for use while employed by the Town. This sick leave credit is not convertible to a cash payment at the time of separation except that at retirement sick leave may be converted to a cash payment equal to 1/2 the accumulated days for employees hired before July 1, 2014."*

**Personnel Board**

Executive Summary: This Article was prepared as part of an analysis conducted by the Personnel Board of the benefits offered by the Town's Personnel Bylaw and its collective bargaining agreements, in an attempt to reconcile the benefits of each to provide greater equity among Town employee benefits. As a result of the change, employees hired after July 1, 2014 will not be compensated for accrued sick time upon retirement or separation.

**Article 3.** Voted by the majority to amend Section 18.1. Personnel By-law: Longevity Pay to the following pay schedule.

*18.1 Permanent full-time and part-time employees hired after July 1, 2014 shall be eligible for longevity based upon years of continuous service as follows:*

<i>After the completion of five years</i>	<i>\$300.00</i>
<i>After the completion of ten years</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>After the completion of fifteen years</i>	<i>\$800.00</i>
<i>After the completion of twenty years</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>After the completion of twenty-five years</i>	<i>\$1,500.00</i>
<i>After the completion of thirty years and thereafter</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>

*Permanent full-time and part-time employees hired before July 1, 2014 shall be eligible for longevity based upon years of continuous service as follows:*

<i>After the completion of three years</i>	<i>\$300.00</i>
<i>After the completion of five years</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>After the completion of ten years</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>After the completion of fifteen years</i>	<i>\$1,500.00</i>
<i>After the completion of twenty years</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
<i>After the completion of twenty-five years and thereafter</i>	<i>\$2,500.00</i>

**Personnel Board**

Executive Summary: This Article was prepared as part of an analysis conducted by the Personnel Board of the benefits offered by the Town's Personnel Bylaw and its collective bargaining agreements, in an attempt to reconcile the benefits of each to provide greater equity among Town employee benefits. The Article makes changes in the Personnel Bylaw's longevity schedule to match the benefits provided in the AFSCME Unit A agreement for all employees hired after July 1, 2014.

**Article 4.** Voted by the majority, as amended (Town Clerk Removed), to adopt Personnel By-Law Schedule A Classification System (Appendix B) as amended,

**Personnel Board**

Executive Summary: This annual article sets the classifications and compensation ranges for Town employees under the Personnel Board purview. The compensation schedule reflects the implementation of the step increases discussed.

**Article 5.** Voted by a majority upon recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and as authorized by MGL Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 to re-establish a revolving fund for Department 296, Marina, under the direction of the Harbormaster for the purpose of paying harbor related costs, to be funded from surcharge receipts collected from all transient visitors and to establish an annual limit of \$15,000 of expenditures.

## **Harbormaster**

**Executive Summary:** This article annually reauthorized the Marina Revolving Account, which is funded through a \$1.50 surcharge on all transient visitors. The collected money is used to offset the cost of harbor area infrastructure improvements such as piling repair and small dredging, and to remediate environmental impacts to the harbor such as small oil spills. The estimate of annual revenues and expenditures to this account are not to exceed \$15,000.

**Article 6.** Voted in excess of the required 2/3 majority to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds in the Free Cash Account the sum of \$250,000 to the Stabilization Fund.

## **Board of Selectmen**

**Executive Summary:** This article transfers the sum of \$250,000 from Free Cash to the Town's Stabilization Fund. In 2013 the Town adopted a policy that establishes a goal of retaining a minimum of 5% of the Town's operating budget in the Stabilization Fund. That is equal to \$1,286,123 for fiscal year 2015. There is currently \$786,476.90 in the Stabilization Fund. This Article would bring the total to \$1,036,476.90

**Article 7.** Voted by a majority to transfer the sum of \$139,000 (one hundred thirty-nine thousand dollars) from the Free Cash Account for the purpose of purchasing two pickup trucks and one dump truck for the Highway Department.

## **Highway Department**

### **Capital Program Committee**

**Executive Summary:** These trucks replace a 1996 and a 2000 pickup trucks that have outlived their useful lives and now require excessive repairs and have become unsafe. The small dump truck replaces a 1995 vehicle that also has required excessive repairs and has become unsafe. This purchase is recommended in the Capital Improvement Program.

**Article 8.** Voted by a majority to transfer the sum of \$37,000 (thirty-seven thousand dollars) from the Free Cash Account for the purchase and installation of software upgrades for the payroll, human resources and Treasurer systems.

## **IT Department**

### **Capital Program Committee**

**Executive Summary:** This article funds the purchase and installation of the payroll, human resources and Treasurer systems from the Town's municipal software vendor MUNIS. This will integrate these functions with the Town's general ledger system. This purchase is recommended in the Capital Improvement Program.

**Article 9.** Voted unanimously to transfer from the Ambulance Reserve Fund the sum of \$220,000 (Two hundred twenty thousand dollars) for the replacement of an ambulance in the Fire/EMS Department.

## **Fire Department**

### **Capital Program Committee**

**Executive Summary:** This article funds the replacement of an ambulance that has already received major maintenance in the form of a chassis replacement. This front-line equipment may no longer be repaired to remain in service. This purchase is recommended in the Capital Improvement Program.

**Article 10.** Voted unanimously to transfer from the Ambulance Reserve Fund the sum of \$52,000 (Fifty-two thousand dollars) for the replacement of a command vehicle in the Fire Department.

## **Fire Department**

### **Capital Program Committee**

**Executive Summary:** This article funds the replacement of the Fire Department's Car 500 command vehicle. The existing vehicle has lasted beyond its useful life and is currently unsafe. This vehicle serves as a first-line responder and incident command for smaller events and is first on scene with equipment. This purchase is recommended in the Capital Improvement Program.

**Article 11.** Voted unanimously to transfer from the Ambulance Reserve Fund the sum of \$28,000 (Twenty-eight thousand dollars) for the replacement of a Fire Pump and the purchase of a life raft for the Town's existing Emergency Management Boat.

## **Fire Department**

### **Capital Program Committee**

**Executive Summary:** This article funds repairs to the Town's Emergency Management Boat through the replacement of a fire pump for fire response readiness and the purchase of a life raft for safety. This purchase is recommended in the Capital Improvement Program.

**Article 12.** Voted unanimously to transfer from the Ambulance Reserve Fund the sum of \$70,000 (Seventy thousand dollars) for the replacement of a marked Police SUV vehicle and an Animal Control vehicle.

## **Police Department**

### **Capital Program Committee**

**Executive Summary:** This article funds the replacement of front line SUV type vehicles in the Police Department used for Police Patrol and Animal Control. The vehicles have lasted beyond their useful lives. This purchase is recommended in the Capital Improvement Program

**Article 13.** Voted by a majority to transfer from the Ambulance Reserve the sum of \$33,690 (Thirty-three thousand six hundred ninety dollars) for the replacement of public safety equipment in the Police Department as follows: \$15,750 for Body Armor, \$13,940 to replace Portable Police Radios and \$4000 to replace the Police Bicycle Fleet.

## **Police Department**

### **Capital Program Committee**



**Executive Summary:** This replaces public safety equipment in the Police Department. It is recommended in the Town's Capital Improvement Program.

**Article 14.** Voted by a majority to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from the Free Cash Account to make repairs and internal modifications to the Police Department. Moderator Law called for a standing vote. Yes - 121, No - 56

#### **Police Department**

##### **Capital Program Committee**

**Executive Summary:** This article funds repairs to the Police Department to include the replacement of worn flooring, to install additional equipment and to create a functioning break room for Police Personnel.

**Article 15.** Voted by more than the required 2/3 majority to appropriate the sum of \$6,830,000 to be raised for the construction of a new Town Hall, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to, Chapter 44, Section 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor.

##### **Capital Program Committee**

**Executive Summary:** This Article authorizes the Town to construct a new Town Hall for the replacement of the Oak Bluffs Town Hall on School Street (the former elementary school) as recommended in the Town of Oak Bluffs Capital Improvement Program. As part of the Town's six-year Capital Improvement Program, the Town has identified the Town Hall as deficient in serving its purpose for the Town. In 2012 the Town funded an architectural feasibility study to analyze the condition of the Town Hall and to make recommendations for its improvement. In 2013-2014 the Town entered into design development for the detailed planning of the new Town Hall. The Board of Selectmen appointed a Building Study Committee and engaged the architectural firm of Keenan and Kenney to complete the study and design. The study developed detailed design documents and cost estimates to address the structural building deficiencies of the Town Hall as well as the layout of Town Offices to best serve the public.

**Article 16.** Voted by more than the 2/3 majority to appropriate the sum of \$8,288,000 to be raised to construct a new Fire Station to replace the Oak Bluffs Fire and EMS Station, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to, Chapter 44, Section 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor.

##### **Capital Program Committee**

**Executive Summary:** This Article authorizes the Town to construct a new Fire Station to replace the existing Oak Bluffs Fire and EMS Station as recommended in the Town of Oak Bluffs Capital Improvement Program. As part of the Town's six-year Capital Improvement Program, in 2012 the Town funded an architectural feasibility study to analyze the condition of the Fire and EMS Station and to make recommendations for its improvement. The Town moved forward in 2013-2014 with the detailed design of the new station recommended in the initial study. The Board of Selectmen appointed a Building Study Committee and engaged the architectural firm of Keenan and Kenney to complete the design. The study and design developed detailed plans to address the building deficiencies and space needs of the Fire and EMS Station.

**Article 17.** Voted unanimously to transfer from Wastewater Retained Earnings the sum of \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) for the purchase of replacement utility Truck.

##### **Wastewater Commission**

**Executive Summary:** This Article replaces a twelve year old work truck that has outlived its useful life.

**Article 18.** Voted unanimously to transfer from Wastewater Retained Earnings the sum of \$125,000 (One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars) for the construction of a garage.

##### **Wastewater Commission**

**Executive Summary:** This article funds the construction of a garage to store vehicles and equipment out of the elements to prolong the useful life of our investment. The Department currently has three towable generators and two trucks that are rusting from weather exposure.

**Article 19.** Voted unanimously to transfer from Wastewater Retained Earnings the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty thousand dollars) to conduct a wastewater plant optimization study.

##### **Wastewater Commission**

**Executive Summary:** The existing wastewater treatment facility is currently operating closer to capacity than expected. This study would evaluate plant operations and the current excess capacity to identify ways to upgrade the plant to achieve additional excess treatment capacity in the most cost-effective manner possible. The study will also address long-standing deficiencies that challenge efficient operation of the plant.

**Article 20.** Voted unanimously to transfer from Wastewater Retained Earnings or other available funds the sum of \$62,500 (Sixty-two thousand five hundred dollars) as matching funds for a federal hazard mitigation grant.

##### **Wastewater Commission**

**Executive Summary:** This Article provides the required twenty-five percent matching funds for an anticipated



federal hazard mitigation grant which will improve and relocate electrical and other wastewater equipment to prevent major damage in a hurricane or other major storm. The study will help to limit the potential of flooding the electrical controls for the three pump stations that are located in the newly defined 100 year floodplain.

**Article 21.** Voted by a majority to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Funds for Fiscal Year 2015 estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for administrative expenses and Community Preservation projects, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation as follows:

Appropriation	Recommended Amount
Community Preservation	
Administrative Expenses	\$ 31,700
Reserves	
Open Space/Recreation	\$ 63,400
Historic Preservation	\$ 63,400
Community Housing	\$ 63,400
Budgeted Reserve	\$ 412,100

#### **Community Preservation Committee**

Executive Summary: This article is required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on an annual basis to ensure that Community Preservation Funds are allocated properly, in the amount of at least 10% of total revenues to each of the three required areas of Historic Preservation, Community Housing, and Open Space/Recreation. The appropriation for administrative expenses is 5% of collected funds.

**Article 22.** Voted by a majority to appropriate from CPA FY2015 estimated revenues and the CPA Undesignated Fund Balance the following projects, based on the Community Preservation Committee's recommendation, to spend a total of \$746,664. Each project shall be considered a separate appropriation.

1. Habitat for Humanity affordable home: Voted unanimously to appropriate a total of \$180,000 toward construction costs for a single family home on Oak Avenue (Map 7, Lot 180.1), with \$63,400 from the Community Housing Reserve Fund, and \$116,600 from the Undesignated Fund Balance. This property has a deed restriction.
2. Rental Assistance: Voted unanimously to appropriate a total of \$152,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to be paid to Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to fund the Rental Assistance Program for Oak Bluffs families in FY2015.
3. Sailing Camp Park Bank Restoration: Voted unanimously to appropriate \$41,600 from the Open Space/Recreation Reserve Fund to the Conservation Commission for restoration of an eroding coastal bank

which is part of the following project to preserve and improve the park for conservation and passive recreation.

4. Sailing Camp Park Trails, phase 2: Voted unanimously to appropriate a total of \$50,000 to the Conservation Commission for a public walking trails system at the Park, with \$21,800 from the Open Space/Reserve Fund and \$28,200 from the Undesignated Fund Balance.
5. Coastal Climate Change Plan: Voted unanimously to appropriate \$50,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the Conservation Commission for a study to assess the risks and impacts of climate change on the Oak Bluffs shoreline, and to offer adaptation strategies.
6. Lagoon Pond Monitoring: Voted unanimously to appropriate \$31,749 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for a study of the health of Lagoon Pond by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution to be used as a standard for the Farm Pond pre- and post-culvert study.
7. Penn Field, phase 2: Voted unanimously to appropriate \$50,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to Little League as contribution toward the completion of landscaping at the new baseball field in Oak Bluffs.
8. Gay Head Lighthouse: Voted unanimously appropriate a total of \$111,600 to the Town of Aquinnah as Oak Bluffs' share toward moving the Gay Head Lighthouse away from the eroding coastal bank, with \$63,400 from the Historic Preservation Fund and \$48,200 from the Undesignated Fund Balance.
9. Trinity Church Stained Glass Windows: After discussion Moderator Law called for a standing vote and passed by a majority Yes – 107 No - 32 to appropriate \$18,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the Trinity Methodist Church for restoration of their exterior stained glass windows. The Town holds a preservation restriction on this work from previous grants.
10. Marine Hospital Roof & Chimneys: Voted unanimously to appropriate \$50,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the Martha's Vineyard Museum to help preserve and restore the original slate roof and chimneys of the 1898 Marine Hospital.
11. Courthouse Electrical Upgrade: To see if the Town will appropriate \$11,715 from the Undesignated Fund Balance as Oak Bluffs' share of upgrading the electrical system at the Dukes County Courthouse to make it compliant with current code standards.

#### **Community Preservation Committee**

Executive Summary: This article authorizes the expenditure of funds collected through the Town's Community Preservation Program to be used as specified in the Article. Funds are collected from taxpayers as a 3% surcharge on property tax bills, matched by funds from the State. The Community Preservation Committee has developed an additional handout explaining their project recommendations.

**Article 23.** Voted unanimously to transfer from available funds in the Free Cash account the sum of \$7,500 to the Landfill Monitoring Account to fund repairs and upgrades to the landfill gas monitoring network and other improvements which may be required by the Mass DEP at the Town's closed solid waste landfill.

#### **Board of Health**

**Executive Summary:** This Article funds the requirement of the Mass DEP that the Town locate, design and install two additional gas monitoring wells at the closed solid waste landfill. Under State regulation the Town is required to monitor landfill gas emissions at the direction of the DEP using a licensed site professional. The additional wells are required for the Town to remain in compliance with DEP regulations.

**Article 24.** Voted by a majority (1 abstain) to transfer from available funds in the Free Cash Account the sum of \$32,000 to the Workers Compensation settlement account the sum of \$32,000 for the lump sum settlement of existing workers compensation claims against the Town.

#### **Board of Selectmen**

**Executive Summary:** This article funds the settlement of an outstanding workers compensation claim for an employee injured in the line of duty, where a lump sum settlement will save money from the statutory entitlement for weekly payments. Settlement has been recommended by the Town's professional claims manager, Claims Strategies, Inc.

**Article 25.** Voted as amended, by a majority, to fix the compensation of full time and part time elected officials of the Town as provided by M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended, for the twelve month period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 as follows:

Board of Selectmen, Chair	\$ 4,500
Selectmen, Members	\$ 3,000 each
Constables	\$ 500 each
Town Clerk	\$ 78,049.44
Tree Warden	\$ 1,500

#### **Board of Selectmen**

**Executive Summary:** This Article establishes the compensation of elected officials for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2014.

**Article 26.** Voted by a majority to Raise and Appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$19,170 (Nineteen thousand one hundred seventy dollars) to fund the Town of Oak Bluffs share of the administrative expenses of the All Island School Committee's contract for Adult and Community Education in Fiscal Year 2015.

#### **Board of Selectmen**

**Executive Summary:** This provided financial support for Adult and Community Education of Martha's Vineyard (ACE MV). This agency provides an array of accessible opportunities for Island residents, including job skills

training, college training courses and enrichment classes for life-long learning.

**Article 27.** Voted in excess of the 2/3 required vote to accept a confirmatory deed from the East Chop Association, Inc. of the land (bluff) between East Chop Drive and Nantucket Sound, which land is shown on Oak Bluffs Assessors Map 2 as Parcel 82, and consisting of approximately 4.4 acres, more or less.

#### **Board of Selectmen**

**Executive Summary:** This article accepts a deed offered to the Town by the East Chop Association which confirms that the Town has legal authority over the East Chop Bluff, which is one of the requirements for the Town to be eligible to receive FEMA Disaster assistance for damage to the bluff during hurricanes.

**Article 28.** There was no action taken on this Article because it will be voted on Election Thursday, April 10, 2014.

To see if the Town will vote to elect the following Town Officers on the official ballot:

Two Selectmen for three years

One Town Clerk for three years

One Board of Health Member for three years

One Park Commissioner for three years

One Cemetery Commissioner for three years

One School Committee for three years

Three Finance Committee Members for three years

One Planning Board Member for five years

One School Committee member for three years

One Wastewater Commissioner for three years

One Water District Commissioner for three years

One Water District Commissioner for one year

And, further, to act upon the following questions on the Official Ballot:

1. Shall the Town of Oak Bluffs be allowed to assess an additional \$600,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of the balance of the town's obligation for the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School assessment for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand fourteen?

2. Shall the Town of Oak Bluffs be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs of constructing a new Town Hall, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

3. Shall the Town of Oak Bluffs be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued to pay the costs of constructing a new fire station, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

**Executive Summary:** This article establishes the local elective offices and Questions to appear on the Official Ballot of the Town Election to be held on April 10, 2014 pursuant to this warrant.



**Article 29.** Voted by a majority to adopt the provisions of MGL c. 39, s. 23D, which authorizes a member of an adjudicatory board to vote on a matter in which he or she has missed a maximum of one hearing at which testimony or evidence is received, provided the board member reviews all available evidence submitted at that hearing, including an audio or video recording of the missed session, and signs a certification that he or she has done so.

**Board of Selectmen**

Executive Summary: The provisions of MGL c. 39, s. 23D were developed to aid in the public hearing process at the local level by allowing a member of a Board to vote on a matter in which he or she has missed no more than one hearing provided they review all evidence submitted. Without this section, if a Board member misses a hearing or part of a hearing they cannot vote on the matter. This often times causes a lack of a quorum to be able to vote on a matter and causes unnecessary delays and inconveniences for both applicants and the Town. This law helps the hearing process to proceed more smoothly and without undue delay.

**Article 30.** Voted by a majority to adopt, pursuant to its authority, under chapter 831 of the acts of 1977 as amended, the following Fertilizer Management District of Critical Planning Concern Regulations as approved by the MV Commission:

**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS  
BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS  
Board of Health Regulation, Section XX**

**THE CONTENT AND APPLICATION OF  
FERTILIZER FOR TURF ON MARTHA'S  
VINEYARD,  
TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS**

**SECTION I. FINDINGS**

This Section details the public health and ecological foundations for the regulation of the use of fertilizer on turf in Oak Bluffs.

In appropriate concentrations, nitrogen in the form of oxides plays a critical role in the nitrogen cycle and is essential to life. In excess, these forms of nitrogen represent an environmental pollutant that has the potential to harm our water resources, and ultimately damage human health. Excessive amounts of nitrogen, as well as phosphorus, contribute to undesirable algal and aquatic plant growth, and degrade the water used for drinking and shellfishing as well as swimming and boating.

1.3 Algal blooms cause our ponds and harbors to become increasingly anaerobic, with seabeds robbed of oxygen and devoid of aquatic life, and cloudy water columns filled with dense algal and aquatic plant growth. The algal bloom brings with it human health risks. Depending on the type, quantity and route of exposure, symptoms from algae

blooms vary from skin and eye irritations to gastrointestinal and asthma-like symptoms, with children and pets being particularly susceptible.

1.4 Oak Bluffs' groundwater is also at risk from nitrogen infiltration. Rising nitrogen levels in our Island ponds are caused in major part by rising nitrogen content in our groundwater. The groundwater/aquifer underlying Oak Bluffs is the source of its existing and future drinking water supply and should be preserved and protected from excess nitrate infiltration. Ingested nitrates are converted by the body into nitrites, which are capable of converting hemoglobin into an oxidized form that does not bind tightly to blood oxygen. Infants, young children, pregnant women and some people with compromised immune systems who drink water in excess of established Safe Drinking Water Standards are particularly vulnerable and may become seriously ill if untreated. The Island's municipal and well water supply is an outstanding asset, one that is safe now and should be protected going forward.

1.5 The Island of Martha's Vineyard in its entirety has significant amounts of glacially deposited coarse, sandy soils that are subject to rapid water infiltration, percolation, and leaching of nutrients into its groundwater that flow ultimately into the Island's harbors, embayments, salt ponds and coastal resources, including the water and wetland resources of Oak Bluffs. Additionally, soils associated with terminal moraine and glacial till contribute to rapid runoff into streams feeding coastal water bodies. These unique geologic, topographic and hydrographic characteristics require innovative soil management practices. The adoption of specific turf and soil fertilization requirements across the Island, including Oak Bluffs, is necessary to protect the water and wetland resources of the Island, including Oak Bluffs.

1.6 The six towns comprising Martha's Vineyard have engaged the Massachusetts Estuaries Project ('Estuaries Project') to undertake analyses of many of the harbors, embayments, salt ponds and coastal resources in the Island towns and to prepare reports detailing the nutrient loading from multiple sources, including fertilizers. The Estuaries Project considers fertilizers a locally controllable source of water degradation. This is very significant as it is anticipated that the State will require all Massachusetts towns to bring the nutrient levels of their coastal ponds, harbors and other water resources to within recognized acceptable water quality standards established in the federal Clean Water Act.

1.7 As of the date of the enactment of this Regulation, Estuaries Project reports have been completed for Oak Bluffs Great Pond, Farm Pond, Lagoon Pond, Sengekontacket Pond and Tisbury Great Pond. In addition, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has established the maximum amount of a



pollutant that four of these ponds can receive and still safely meet water quality standards (known as "Total Maximum Daily Loads" or "TMDLs"). (TMDLs for Tisbury Great Pond are under consideration as of the date of the enactment of this Regulation.) Similar studies are currently underway for Cape Pogue, Chilmark Pond, Katama Bay, Menemsha Pond, Oak Bluffs Harbor, Oyster Pond, Pocha Pond, Squibnocket Pond and Tashmoo Pond. In due course, TMDLs will be established for all of these participating water bodies.

1.8 Of the fourteen coastal ponds and harbors participating in the Estuaries Project, eight have watersheds that encompass portions of more than one town, suggesting that an Island-wide, coordinated approach is necessary for effective management of water quality in these ponds.

1.9 The responsible application of fertilizers rests not only with property owners, but also with professional landscapers whose work takes them across the Island without regard to town or watershed boundaries. Coordinated regulation of fertilizers across the Island will facilitate the educational process for landscapers and will avoid confusion that might arise if fertilizer regulations were materially different from town to town.

1.10 The Oak Bluffs Board of Health, recognizing that excessive use of fertilizers is part of the overall problem of nutrient pollution, promulgates this Regulation regarding the use of fertilizer on turf. As a parallel effort, the BMPs Working Group has assisted the Island town Boards of Health in drafting the *Best Management Practices for Landscape Fertilizer Use on Martha's Vineyard*, which is based on the *UMass Amherst Extensions, Best Management Practices for Soil and Nutrient Management in Turf Systems*, both of which from time to time may undergo changes in response to scientific research.

1.11 The practices and standards set out herein are deemed necessary to protect the public health, including the maintenance of drinking water quality and the preservation of our water and wetland resources. They also represent an early step in achieving compliance with applicable water quality standards. This Regulation is intended to allow our Island's waters to be both sustainable and sustaining, while affording reasonable use of fertilizers for the enhancement of lawn quality.

1.12 It is anticipated that compliance with this Regulation will be achieved primarily as a community responsibility and as consequence of the adoption of a common standard of turf care in respect of both the sale and application of Fertilizer. This regulation provides for educational initiatives to enable this process to occur. To supplement these community-based activities, this Regulation also provides for an enforcement process applicable to those who apply Fertilizer in violation of the standards set out in this Regulation.

## SECTION 2. PURPOSE

This Regulation provides for a reduction of nitrogen and phosphorus going into Oak Bluffs' Water Resources by means of an organized system of education, licensure, regulation of practice, and enforcement. The Regulation is intended to contribute to Oak Bluffs' ability to protect, maintain, and ultimately improve the water quality in all its Water Resources and assist in achieving compliance with any applicable water quality standards relating to controllable nitrogen and phosphorus.

## SECTION 3. AUTHORITY

This Regulation is adopted by the Oak Bluffs Board of Health as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 31 and is further authorized pursuant to the Fertilizer Management District of Critical Planning Concern designation, [detail authority], and by section 9 of Chapter 262 of the Acts of 2012, as amended.

## SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

"Agriculture" means farming in all of its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the Soil, the production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, floricultural or horticultural commodities. For the purposes of this Regulation, agriculture means production for commercial sale.

"Application Fee" means a fee in the amount of \$100.

"Best Management Practices for Landscape Fertilizer Use on Martha's Vineyard" or "Martha's Vineyard BMPs", means a sequence of activities designed to minimize Fertilizer use while also promoting healthy vegetative growth, as prepared by a working group of Island landscape professionals, golf course superintendents, Health Agents, landscape retailers, and conservationists.

"Board of Health" means the Oak Bluffs Board of Health whose members are elected by the voters of Oak Bluffs to oversee public and environmental practices through the actions of its Health Department.

"Buffer Zone" means the area abutting a Resource Area within which no alteration (as that term is defined in Commonwealth's Wetland Protection Act or the Oak Bluffs Wetland Protect Bylaws and Regulations) is permitted without an Order of Conditions or a Negative Determination from the Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission.

"Compost Tea" means a liquid infusion of Organic Compost but, for the purposes of this

Regulation, is not considered a Slow Release Fertilizer.

"Fertilizer" means a substance that enriches the Turf or Soil with elements essential for plant growth, such as nitrogen, phosphorus, or other substances. Fertilizer also includes 'combination products', sometimes referred to as 'weed and feed', which contain Fertilizer in combination with pre- or post-emergence herbicides, insecticides, other pesticides or plant growth regulators. Fertilizer does not include those substances that are normally excluded from Fertilizer such as dolomite, limestone, or lime.

"Golf Course" means the managed (i.e. mowed and fertilized) Turf at each of Chappaquiddick Golf Club, Farm Neck Golf Club, Oak Bluffs Golf Club, Mink Meadows Golf Club, and Vineyard Golf Club.

"Health Agent" means the individual who has direct oversight of the daily activities of the Board of Health.

"Horticulture" is a general term meaning plant science and plant products. For the purposes of this Regulation, horticulture means the raising of flowers, fruits, vegetables, berries, herbs, nuts, and other similar products for commercial sale.

"Impervious Surface" means a surface that has been compacted or covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water, but does not include compacted areas on athletic fields, such as baseball infields, and intensely trafficked Turf.

"Landscape Professional" means a person, either as a sole proprietor or as an employee of a company or a municipality, who in exchange for money, goods, services, or other consideration applies Fertilizer to Turf. A Landscape Professional includes Turf management staff at a Golf Course.

"License" means that documentation issued by Oak Bluffs authorizing the individual or commercial entity holder to apply Fertilizer in Oak Bluffs.

"Licensee" means a Landscape Professional who has a valid License.

"Liquid Fertilizer" means a form of Fertilizer which typically is sprayed directly onto a plant.

"Martha's Vineyard Lawn Fertilizer Working Group" means the group of individuals from the six Island towns, including landscape professionals, golf course superintendents, Conservation Commissioners, Selectmen, Board of Health Commissioners and Health Agents, and Martha's Vineyard Commission members, who met and consulted with members of the public representing these and other constituencies to draft this Regulation.

"Organic Compost" is a Slow Release form of Fertilizer comprised of the biologically stable, non-pelletized, humus-like material derived from composting or the aerobic, thermophilic decomposition of organic matter.

"Participating Town" means an Island town that has voted to adopt regulations governing the use of Fertilizer that are substantially similar to this Regulation.

"Property Owner" means the owner of record of the Turf or Soil to which Fertilizer is applied (and, for the avoidance of doubt, includes Oak Bluffs).

"Relevant Employee" means a person engaged (as an employee, agent, contractor or otherwise) by a Landscape Professional who applies Fertilizer to Turf or Soil.

"Resource Area" means an area subject to protection under the Commonwealth's Wetland Protection Act or the Oak Bluffs Wetland Protection By-Laws or Regulations.

"Slow Release" in relation to nitrogen, means nitrogen in a form that delays its availability for uptake and use after application, and is not rapidly available to Turf. Slow Release is also sometimes referred to as 'controlled-release', 'timed-release' or 'slowly soluble/available'. This definition expressly excludes nitrate salts and urea.

"Soil" means the upper-most layer of the earth's surface, comprised of mineral and organic matter, which can host biological communities.

"Soil Test" means a technical analysis of Soil conducted by a Soil testing laboratory that measures extractable nutrient values using a Modified Morgan soil testing procedure and making recommendations based on values as determined by the University of Massachusetts Extension Soil and Plant Tissue Testing Lab.

"Oak Bluffs" encompasses the land and water of the Town of Oak Bluffs on the island of Martha's Vineyard, County of Dukes County.

"Turf" means grass-covered Soil held together by the root system, and includes turf used for sports and recreational activities as well as for lawns and utility areas.

"Water Resource" includes, without limitation, groundwater, streams, including intermittent streams, creeks, rivers, freshwater and tidal wetlands, ponds, lakes, marine waters, canals, lagoons, embayments, estuaries and all waters defined in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter

131, Section 40 and the Oak Bluffs Wetland By-Laws or Regulations.

## **SECTION 5. TURF PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

### **5.1 General Turf Performance Standards**

5.1.1 No person shall apply Fertilizer between November 15th and the following April 15th.

5.1.2 No person shall apply Fertilizer to Turf or Soil immediately before or during heavy rainfall when the Lawn or Soil is likely to be saturated with water, when the Turf or Soil has the characteristics of an Impervious Surface or when they are showing signs of stress due to



drought, or any other time when the Fertilizer is unlikely to be taken up by the Turf root structure.

5.1.3 No person shall apply or deposit Fertilizer on any Impervious Surface or on any place or in such a manner as would allow the Fertilizer to enter into storm drains or other storm flowage receptacles and/or channels. If a person inadvertently applies or deposits Fertilizer to an Impervious Surface by spill or otherwise, or applies or deposits Fertilizer as prohibited in this section, that person must immediately remove the Fertilizer.

5.1.4 No person shall apply Fertilizer containing more than 0.5 pounds of nitrogen per 1000 square feet of *Turf per application*, provided, however, that a single application of Fertilizer between April 15 and June 1 and a single application of Fertilizer in September may contain up to .75 pounds of nitrogen per 1000 square feet of Turf. Cumulative applications of Fertilizer must not exceed 3.0 pounds of nitrogen per 1000 square feet of Turf per year. Fertilizer shall not be applied within 4 weeks of a prior application. For the purposes of this Regulation, Fertilizer applied by all persons to the same Turf will be aggregated.

5.1.5 No person shall apply Fertilizer unless it contains at least 50% of its nitrogen in the Slow Release form. Compost Tea and Liquid Fertilizer are exempt from this standard, provided that no single application exceeds 0.1 pounds of nitrogen per 1000 square feet over a 4-week period.

5.1.6 No person shall apply Fertilizer that contains phosphorus, unless a Soil Test taken within the prior 3 years indicates a phosphorus deficiency of less than 14 ppm, in which case the phosphorus application shall be limited to the quantity specified in the test results. A Soil Test is not required for the application of:

Organic Compost;

(b) specially labeled 'starter' Fertilizer products intended for use in establishing Turf or in repairing damaged Turf when applied in conjunction with Turf seed;

(c) Compost Tea; and

(d) pelletized organic Fertilizer whose phosphate content by weight is no greater than 25% of its nitrogen content by weight.

## 5.2 Fertilizer in the Buffer Zone

5.2.1 The Turf performance standards set out in Sections 5 (not including Section 5.1.4) apply to the Buffer Zone, except as modified in this Section 5.2.

5.2.2 No Fertilizer may be applied in the 10-foot wide strip running parallel and immediately adjacent to a Resource Area. In the remainder of the Buffer Zone, no person shall apply Fertilizer containing more than 0.25 pounds of nitrogen per 1000 square feet of Turf *per application*, with cumulative applications not to exceed an annual maximum

of 0.5 pounds of nitrogen per 1000 square feet of Turf, except that where there is a continuous 25-foot wide strip of Fertilizer-free, non-Turf vegetation running parallel to the Resource Area, Fertilizer may be applied to the area beyond the 25 foot strip to an annual maximum of 1.0 pound of nitrogen per 1000 square feet of Turf.

5.2.3 No person shall apply Fertilizer that contains phosphorus in the Buffer Zone, unless a Soil Test taken within the prior 3 years indicates a phosphorus deficiency of less than 14 ppm, in which case the phosphorus shall be limited to the quantity specified in the test results.

## 5.3 Fertilizer on Golf Courses

5.3.1 The performance standards set out in Section 5 (not including Section 5.1.6) apply to Fertilizer applied on Golf Courses except as modified in this Section 5.3.

5.3.2 Applications of Fertilizer to Golf Courses shall not be made between December 15 and the following April 15th.

5.3.3 Liquid Fertilizer may not be applied more often than biweekly, provided that it is applied at a rate not to exceed 0.1 pound of nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft. per application.

5.3.4 The performance standards set out in Section 5.2.2 do not apply to putting greens and tee boxes in the Buffer Zone in existence at the effective date of this Regulation.

5.4 Exemptions: The following activities are exempt from Section 5:

5.4.1 Application of Fertilizer to home vegetable and flower gardens, landscape ornamentals, shrubs, trees, bushes, and container plants.

5.4.2 Application of Fertilizer for Agricultural or Horticultural use.

5.5 Precedence: To the extent that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or Oak Bluffs has enacted, enacts, or issues any law, regulation, bylaw, order or permit concerning the application of Fertilizer containing phosphorus or nitrogen on Turf or Soil which is more stringent than the performance standards set in this Section 5, those more stringent standards take precedence.

## SECTION 6. EDUCATION, LICENSURE AND ADMINISTRATION

### 6.1 Education and Assessment

#### 6.1.1 The Board of Health shall:

(a) maintain and offer for a fee a general program of Fertilizer education for Property Owners and Landscape Professionals that is based on this Regulation and the Martha's Vineyard BMPs; and

(b) administer an assessment to determine a Professional Landscaper's or a Property Owner's proficiency with respect to this Regulation and the Martha's Vineyard BMPs following completion of the general education program.



6.1.2 The Board of Health shall make available to the public, including Property Owners, Landscape Professionals and Fertilizer retailers a summary of the Section 5 performance standards, as well as a copy of this Regulation, as amended from time to time.

## 6.2 Licensure

6.2.1 No Landscape Professional shall apply Fertilizer in Oak Bluffs without a License issued by the Board of Health in accordance with this Regulation.

6.2.2 Subject to Section 6.2.3, an application for a License shall be accompanied by the Application Fee and documentation that the applicant has both completed the general program of Fertilizer education referred to in Section 6.1.1(a) and achieved proficiency as set forth in Section 6.1.1(b).

6.2.3 Upon issuance of a License to an applicant, Oak Bluffs shall forward a "Notice of Issuance of Fertilizer License" to each other Participating Town nominated by the Applicant.

6.2.4 When Oak Bluffs receives a "Notice of Issuance of Fertilizer License" from any Participating Town, the Board of Health shall issue and mail (or email or otherwise forward) a License to the applicant. The payment of a fee and the production of additional documentation shall not be required.

6.2.5 A License shall indicate the License number and expiration date and shall be signed by the Licensee.

6.2.6 Licenses shall be effective on issue and shall continue in effect for three calendar years, expiring on the third December 31 after being issued.

6.2.7 Licenses may be renewed on application. Applicants for renewal must provide documentation of either re-completion of the general program of Fertilizer education or proficiency, as set out in Section 6.1.1, and pay the Application Fee.

6.2.8 A Landscape Professional licensed under this Regulation shall keep his/her License in their possession and shall display the License when requested to do so by any Oak Bluffs enforcement officer.

6.2.9 A Relevant Employee does not need to obtain a License, provided his/her employer maintains a ratio of not less than 1 Licensee to 8 non-Licensed Relevant Employees (the License held by the employer/owner being included for this purpose) and:

(a) the employer has provided the Relevant Employee with training sufficient to ensure that the employee fully understands this Regulation and the Martha's Vineyard BMPs; .

(b) the Relevant Employee has demonstrated proficiency with respect to this Regulation and the Martha's Vineyard BMPs in accordance with an assessment tool provided by the Board of Health and administered by the employer;

(c) the employer provides supervision appropriate to ensure that the Relevant Employee complies with this Regulation; and

(d) the employer retains documentation sufficient to establish compliance with subsections (a), (b) and (c).

These requirements set out in (a) and (b) above must be complied with not less often than every three years and within 6 months after any material amendments to this Regulation for each Relevant Employee.

6.3 Services to be Performed by a Third Party: The Board of Health may appoint from time to time a third party to perform on its behalf the responsibilities and services set out above in Sections 6.1 and 6.2.

## 6.4 Liability

6.4.1 A Property Owner is liable for violations of this Regulation by a Landscape Professional or its Relevant Employees, including applying Fertilizer without a License, provided that the Property Owner knew or should reasonably have known that a violation would occur.

6.4.2 A Landscape Professional is liable for violations of this Regulation by its Relevant Employees.

6.4.3 Notwithstanding Sections 6.4.1 and 6.4.2, any person who applies Fertilizer in violation of this Regulation may be held liable.

## 6.5 Enforcement

6.5.1 The Health Agent and the Board of Health may enforce this Regulation or enjoin violations thereof through any lawful process, and the election of one remedy by the Board of Health shall not preclude enforcement through any other lawful means.

6.5.2 Subject to Section 6.5.3, a person who violates any provision of this Regulation is subject to:

in the case of a first violation within a consecutive 36-month period, a written warning;

in the case of a second violation within a consecutive 36-month period, a fine in the amount of \$50.00;

in the case of three or more violations within a consecutive 36-month period, a fine in an amount of \$300.00 per violation, unless the Town proceeds by criminal complaint or indictment under Section 6.5.6, in which case the maximum fine for the third and subsequent violations is provided therein; and

in the case of a Licensee (or a Relevant Employee), and subject to the notice and hearing provisions of Section 6.5.4, suspension of the License (or that of his/her employer, as the case may be) for 180 consecutive days or revocation of that License.

6.5.3 A Licensed Professional who applies Fertilizer without having a valid License is subject to:

in the case of a first violation within a consecutive 36-month period, a written warning;

in the case of two or more violations within a consecutive 36-month period, a fine in the amount of \$300.00 unless the Town proceeds by criminal complaint or indictment under Section 6.5.6, in which case the maximum fine for the second and subsequent violations is provided therein.

The Board of Health may suspend or revoke a License issued pursuant to this Regulation or any other applicable law. Such revocation or suspension may only take place after a hearing held by the Board of Health of which the Licensee shall be given seven (7) days written notice. Such notice shall be deemed given upon certified return receipt mailing same to the address listed on the License application.

6.5.5 The Board of Health is authorized to penalize any person who violates these regulations by issuing a ticket under the noncriminal disposition process provided for in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21D, and the Town's noncriminal disposition by-law, Sections 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5 and 1-6 of the Code of the Town of Oak Bluffs. If noncriminal disposition is elected, then any person who violates any provision of this Regulation shall be subject to the penalties provided in Sections 6.5.2 and 6.5.3, as applicable, per violation or, in the case of a continuing violation, per day for each day of violation. Each day or portion thereof shall constitute a separate offense. If there is more than one violation, each shall constitute a separate offense.

6.5.6 A person who violates any provision of this Regulation may be penalized by indictment or on complaint brought in the district court. Except as may be otherwise provided by law, the maximum penalty for each violation or offense shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Each day or portion thereof shall constitute a separate offense. If there is more than one violation, each shall constitute a separate offense.

## **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

If any section, part or provision of this Regulation is deemed invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining terms of this Regulation as a whole or any part thereof, other than the section, part or provision held invalid or unconstitutional.

## **SECTION 8. AMENDMENTS**

8.1 This Regulation was developed by a broad group of stakeholders representing diverse interests and has been reviewed by soil and turf scientists and educators. Therefore, notwithstanding the requirements of G.L. c. III, §31, no amendment to this Regulation shall be adopted until such time as the Board of Health shall hold a public hearing thereon, notice of the time, place and subject

matter of which, sufficient for identification, shall be given by publishing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town and County once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days prior to the date set for such hearing. No such amendment shall be effective unless the proposed amendment has been reviewed and commented upon by soil and turf scientists and educators and it is passed by the Board of Health.

8.2 Further, since these Regulations are also under Chapter 831 of the Acts of 1977, as amended, any amendments to the Regulations shall first be approved by the Martha's Vineyard Commission, as conforming to the guidelines for the Fertilizer Management District of Critical Planning Concern.

## **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Regulation shall take effect on January 1st 2015 and upon publication pursuant to G.L. c.111, §31.

## **SECTION 10. INTERIM PROVISIONS**

Landscape Professionals may apply Fertilizer without a license during the interim period between the effective date of this Regulation and the development of a licensing program by the Board of Health, provided that they comply with Section 5 of this Regulation.

### **Board of Health**

Executive Summary: This article establishes detailed regulations relative to the establishment by the Martha's Vineyard Commission of a District of Critical Planning Concern for Fertilizer Management for the purpose of limiting excessive nitrogen in coastal ponds and embayments.

**Article 31.** Voted by a majority to vote in support of the following resolution:

### **Pilgrim Resolution**

"Whereas, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Director Kurt Schwartz has acknowledged that Cape and Island residents and visitors are in harm's way in the event of a radiological accident at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth"; and

"Whereas, MEMA has determined that Cape and Island residents and visitors will not be evacuated but plans to relocate Cape and Island citizens after exposure to dangerous radioactive materials released in an accident"; and

"Whereas, citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs find this State response to Pilgrim's threat to our health and safety unacceptable and in violation of public trust".

Therefore, we the people of the Town of Oak Bluffs, respectfully request Governor Deval Patrick to call upon the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to uphold their mandate to shut down Entergy's Pilgrim Nuclear Power



Station in Plymouth because the public safety, particularly that of Cape and Islands residents and visitors, cannot be assured.;

Executive Summary: This article was filed with the Board of Selectmen as a citizen request for the Town to consider the adoption of a resolution in favor of shutting down the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant due to public safety concerns.

Following the vote of this last article at 10:45 pm, a motion was made and duly seconded to close this town meeting.

ATTEST:

LAURA B. JOHNSTON  
Oak Bluffs Town Clerk

**Town Meeting  
Appendix A  
FY 2015 Budget**

<b><u>DEPT#</u></b>	<b><u>DEPARTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>2013 ACTUAL</u></b>	<b><u>2014 ORIG BUD</u></b>	<b><u>2,015 RECOMMENDED</u></b>
<b>122</b>	<b>SELECTMEN</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	264,870	272,570	276,837
	EXPENSES	117,883	127,585	127,585
	<b>TOTAL SELECTMEN</b>	<b>382,753</b>	<b>400,155</b>	<b>404,422</b>
<b>131</b>	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>			
	EXPENSES	5,002	5,002	5,002
	<b>TOTAL FIN COMM</b>	<b>5,002</b>	<b>5,002</b>	<b>5,002</b>
<b>132</b>	<b>FIN COMM-RESERVE FUND</b>			
	EXPENSES	57,650	57,650	57,650
	<b>TOTAL FIN COMM-RES FUND</b>	<b>57,650</b>	<b>57,650</b>	<b>57,650</b>
<b>135</b>	<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>			
	PERSONNEL SERVICES	121,873	125,489	125,489
	EXPENSES	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<b>TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>	<b>122,873</b>	<b>126,489</b>	<b>126,489</b>
<b>141</b>	<b>ASSESSORS</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	102,656	113,619	132,124
	EXPENSES	8,737	9,400	9,400
	<b>TOTAL ASSESSORS</b>	<b>111,393</b>	<b>123,019</b>	<b>141,524</b>
<b>144</b>	<b>TREASURER/ FIXED COSTS</b>			
	EXPENSES	3,415,679	3,387,158	3,308,743
	<b>TOTAL TREAS FIXED COSTS</b>	<b>3,415,679</b>	<b>3,387,158</b>	<b>3,308,743</b>
<b>145</b>	<b>TOWN TREASURER</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	71,345	73,431	73,431
	EXPENSES	37,679	33,906	33,906
	<b>TOTAL TREASURER</b>	<b>109,024</b>	<b>107,337</b>	<b>107,337</b>
<b>146</b>	<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	110,457	113,269	113,268
	EXPENSES	13,350	14,075	14,075
	<b>TOTAL COLLECTOR</b>	<b>123,807</b>	<b>127,344</b>	<b>127,343</b>



<u>DEPT#</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>2013 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2014 ORIG BUD</u>	<u>2,015 RECOMMENDED</u>
155	<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	76,767	79,071	79,071
	EXPENSES	234,100	236,013	237,979
	<b>TOTAL INFORMATION TECH</b>	310,867	315,084	317,050
161	<b>TOWN CLERK</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	125,859	129,746	125,859
	EXPENSES	2,325	2,325	2,325
	<b>TOTAL TOWN CLERK</b>	128,184	132,071	128,184
163	<b>BOARD OF REGISTRARS</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	25,000	21,679	25,000
	EXPENSES	8,825	4,000	8,825
	<b>TOTAL BD OF REGISTRARS</b>	33,825	25,679	33,825
171	<b>CONSERVATION</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	63,029	64,937	64,937
	EXPENSES	4,070	4,070	4,070
	<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION</b>	67,099	69,007	69,007
175	<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	3,280	5,067	5,654
	EXPENSES	2,000	2,000	2,000
	<b>TOTAL PLANNING BOARD</b>	5,280	7,067	7,654
199	<b>UNCLASSIFIED (SELECTMEN)</b>			
	EXPENSES	1,121,702	1,163,935	1,259,752
	<b>TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED</b>	1,121,702	1,163,935	1,259,752
210	<b>POLICE DEPT</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	1,765,609	1,822,856	1,930,23930
	EXPENSES	70,500	75,500	83,500
	<b>TOTAL POLICE DEPT</b>	1,836,109	1,898,356	2,013,739
220	<b>FIRE DEPT</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	114,975	138,176	146,750
	EXPENSES	79,863	79,863	79,863
	<b>TOTAL FIRE DEPT</b>	194,838	218,039	226,613
231	<b>AMBULANCE</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	289,739	298,122	312,256
	EXPENSES	25,000	25,500	25,500
	<b>TOTAL AMBULANCE</b>	314,739	323,622	337,756
241	<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	137,116	151,884	153,309
	EXPENSES	4,620	5,500	5,100
	<b>TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>	141,736	157,384	158,409

<u>DEPT#</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>2013 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2014 ORIG BUD</u>	<u>2,015 RECOMMENDED</u>
249	<b>SHELLFISH</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	113,807	118,928	125,745
	EXPENSES	51,000	48,500	49,500
	<b>TOTAL SHELLFISH</b>	164,807	167,428	175,245
291	<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICE	5,000	5,000	5,000
	EXPENSES	16,700	16,700	16,700
	<b>TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	21,700	21,700	21,700
296	<b>MARINA MANAGER</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	188,507	189,652	189,959
	EXPENSES	40,500	40,500	40,500
	<b>TOTAL MARINA MANAGER</b>	229,007	230,152	230,459
300	<b>SCHOOL DEPT</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	5,628,580	5,427,594	5,892,913
	EXPENSES	750,070	778,039	852,805
	<b>TOTAL SCHOOL DEPT</b>	6,378,650	6,205,633	6,745,718
301	<b>M V REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL</b>			
	DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	3,472,041	3,673,617	4,301,456
	CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	101,735	101,585	50,326
	<b>TOTAL M V DISTRICT</b>	3,573,776	3,775,202	4,351,782
421	<b>HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	717,654	710,733	746,173
	EXPENSES	712,955	756,643	756,643
	<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY</b>	1,430,609	1,467,376	1,502,816
519	<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	93,324	119,960	126,936
	EXPENSES	56,501	56,094	57,431
	<b>TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH</b>	149,825	176,054	184,367
541	<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	140,249	143,650	143,650
	EXPENSES	70,278	74,090	80,958
	<b>TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING</b>	210,527	217,740	224,608
543	<b>VETERANS SERVICES EXPENSES</b>	68,500	68,500	65,500
	<b>TOTAL VETERANS SERVICES</b>	68,500	68,500	65,500
610	<b>LIBRARY</b>			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	323,772	326,754	327,619
	EXPENSES	137,915	140,765	140,765
	<b>TOTAL LIBRARY</b>	461,687	467,519	468,384
612	<b>ARTS COUNCIL</b>			
	EXPENSES	1,500	1,500	1,500
	<b>TOTAL ARTS COUNCIL</b>	1,500	1,500	1,500



<u>DEPT#</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>2013 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2014 ORIG BUD</u>	<u>2,015 RECOMMENDED</u>
630	RECREATION			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	0	54,712	71,700
	EXPENSES	18,750	9,500	9,500
	<b>TOTAL RECREATION</b>	<b>18,750</b>	<b>64,212</b>	<b>81,200</b>
710	MATURING DEBT- PRINCIPAL			
	EXPENSES	2,092,332	2,024,162	1,751,117
	<b>TOTAL DEBT PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>2,092,332</b>	<b>2,024,162</b>	<b>1,751,117</b>
750	MATURING DEBT-INTEREST			
	EXPENSES	535,009	452,480	363,567
	<b>TOTAL DEBT INTEREST</b>	<b>535,009</b>	<b>452,480</b>	<b>363,567</b>
751	INTEREST TEMPORARY DEBT			
	EXPENSES	60,000	0	18,961
	<b>TOTAL TEMP DEBT INTEREST</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,961</b>
760	BOND ISSUANCE COSTS			
	EXPENSES	0	0	0
	<b>TOTAL BOND COSTS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>23,871,394</b>	<b>23,984,056</b>	<b>25,017,428</b>
60198	WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE			
	PERSONALSERVICES	262,972	272,429	282,295
	EXPENSES	353,611	426,631	426,631
	<b>TOTAL WASTEWATER</b>	<b>616,583</b>	<b>699,060</b>	<b>708,926</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET FOR TOWN MEETING</b>		<b>24,487,978</b>	<b>24,683,116</b>	<b>25,726,354</b>
	<b>TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>860,456</b>	<b>686,186</b>	<b>703,931</b>

## APPENDIX B

### Personnel Bylaw-Schedule A Classification System

Grade	Department	Position
3	Highway	Custodian (H,A)
4	BoH I Building	Admin Assistant I (H,A)
	Finance	Administrative Clerk (H,A)
	Library	Assistant (H,A)
	Police*	Asst. Animal Control Officer (H,P)
	Wastewater	Junior Operator (H,A)
5	Ambulance	EMT Basic (H,P)
	Bd of Reg	Admin Assistant II (H,P)
	Clerk	Assistant Town Clerk (H,A)
	Highway	Cemetery Skilled Laborer (H,A)
	Highway	Skilled Laborer (H,A)
	Library	Library Associate (H,A)
	Police*	Animal Control Officer (H,P)
	Shellfish	Deputy Shellfish Constable (H,P)
6	Ambulance	Admin Assistant III (H,P)
	Ambulance	EMT Intermediate (H,P)
	Finance	Admin Assistant III (H,A)
	Highway	Carpenter (H,A)
	Highway	Heavy Equipment Operator (H,A)
	Library	Children's Librarian (S,B)
	Police	Admin Assistant III (H,P)
	Selectmen	Admin Assistant III (H,P)
7	Ambulance	Paramedic (H,P)
	Ambulance	Paramedic Lieutenant (H,P)
	Council on Aging	Assistant Director (H,A)
	Council on Aging	Outreach Coordinator (H,A)
	Finance	Assistant Assessor (H,A)
	Finance	Assistant Accountant (H,P)
	Finance	Assistant Treasurer (H,P)
	Highway	Office Administrator I (H,A)

Grade	Department	Position
	Highway	Parks Foreman (H,A)
	Police*	Patrol Officer (H,UP)
8	Ambulance	Office Administrator (H,P)
	Building	Admin/Local Inspector (H,A)
	Building	Zoning Administrator (H,A)
	Building I BoH	Technical Administrative Assistant (H,A)
	Selectmen	Human Resources Administrator (H,P)
	Library	Ref Librarian/Adult Services (S,B)
	Wastewater	Mechanic Operator (H,A)
9	Wastewater	Office Admin I Lab Tech (H,A)
	Council on Aging	Director (S,B)
	Highway	Foreman (H,A)
	Selectmen	Office Admin III (H,P)
10	Conservation	Agent (S,B)
11	BoH	Agent (S,B)
	Building	Inspector of Buildings (S,B)
	Finance	Principal Assessor (S,P)
	Finance	Tax Collector (S,P)
	Finance	Treasurer (S,P)
	Finance	Town Accountant (S,P)
	Harbor	Harbormaster/Marina Mgr (S,P)
	Library	Director (S,P)
	Police*	Sergeant (S,UP)
	Shellfish	Constable (S,P)
12	Finance	Director (S,P)
	Selectmen	IT Manager (S,P)
	Wastewater	Facilities Manager (S,P)
13	Ambulance	Captain (S,P)
	Highway	Superintendent (S,P)
	Police*	Lieutenant (S,P)

#### KEY:

- A Union, Unit A
- B Union, Unit B
- UP Union, Police
- P Personnel Board/Non-union
- H Hourly
- S Salaried
- \* Preliminary



**TOWN MEETING APPENDIX C**  
**Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Analysis and Recommendations**

**Accounts For:**

		<b><u>2013</u></b> <b><u>ACTUAL</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b> <b><u>ORIG BUD</u></b>	<b><u>2,015</u></b> <b><u>RECOMMENDED</u></b>
<b><u>1122 BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u></b>				
5110	ELECTED OFFICIALS	16,500.00	16,500.00	16,500.00
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	124,640.73	129,419.46	133,386.00
51102	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	121,229.27	123,651.01	123,651.01
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	2,500.00	3,000.00	3,300.00
	TOTAL SALARY	264,870.00	272,570.47	276,837.01
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	95,298.80	105,000.00	105,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	22,584.53	22,584.53	22,584.53
5999	ENCUMBRANCE			
	TOTAL EXPENSE	117,883.33	127,584.53	127,584.53
TOTAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN		** 382,753.33	400,155.00	404,421.54
<b><u>1131 FINANCE COMMITTEE</u></b>				
5200	CONTRACT SERVICES	4,850.00	4,850.00	4,850.00
5730	MEMBERSHIPS	152.00	152.00	152.00
TOTAL FINANCE COMMITTEE		5,002.00	5,002.00	5,002.00
<b><u>1132 FINANCE COMM.-RESERVE FD.</u></b>				
5960	RESERVE FUND	57,650.00	57,650.00	57,650.00
TOTAL FINANCE COMM.-RESERVE FD.		57,650.00	57,650.00	57,650.00
<b><u>1135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT</u></b>				
51101	TOWN ACCOUNTANT SALARY	75,774.00	78,028.56	78,028.56
51105	ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT	45,099.00	46,460.61	46,460.61
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	TOTAL SALARY	121,873.00	125,489.17	125,489.17
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT		122,873.00	126,489.17	126,489.17
<b><u>1141 ASSESSORS</u></b>				
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	30,811.00	28,618.65	29,479.95
51102	PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR SALARY	69,344.78	85,000.00	85,000.00
51104	ADMIN CLERK			17,643.60
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL SALARY	102,655.78	113,618.65	132,123.55
5190	TRAINING EXPENSE	1,237.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TRAINING	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
5380	CARTOGRAPHIC SERVICES	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	600.00	500.00	500.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	8,737.00	9,400.00	9,400.00
TOTAL ASSESSORS		111,392.78	123,018.65	141,523.55

		<u>2013</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>ORIG BUD</u>	<u>2,015</u> <u>RECOMMENDED</u>
<b><u>1144 TREASURER (FIXED P/R COST)</u></b>				
51900	FICA (MEDICARE)	167,856.00	172,000.00	175,440.00
51901	FICA (SOCIAL SECURITY)	0.00	0.00	0.00
51911	PENSION FUND	962,823.00	983,062.00	997,263.00
51913	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00
51916	MED. INS.-EMPLOYER CONT.	2,230,000.00	2,180,096.00	2,084,040.00
51919	MED INS RETIREE TOWN SHARE	0.00	0.00	0.00
51920	GASB45	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
5212	COMPUTER P/R SERV. CON.	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL TREASURER (FIXED P/R CO)		3,415,679.00	3,387,158.00	3,308,743.00
<b><u>1145 TOWN TREASURER</u></b>				
51101	ASSISTANT TREASURER SALARY	69,345.00	71,431.00	71,431.00
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	TOTAL SALARY	71,345.00	73,431.00	73,431.00
52200	TAX TITLE EXPENSES	17,465.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	2,394.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
5711	TRAINING & SEMINARS	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5714	Admin Fees - MWPAT	16,820.00	15,406.00	15,406.00
5999	ENCUMBRANCE			
	TOTAL EXPENSE	37,679.00	33,906.00	33,906.00
TOTAL TOWN TREASURER		109,024.00	107,337.00	107,337.00
<b><u>1146 TAX COLLECTOR</u></b>				
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	38,312.00	39,312.00	39,312.00
51102	TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	69,345.00	71,156.80	71,156.80
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
5190	TRAINING EXPENSE	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	TOTAL SALARY	110,457.00	113,268.80	113,268.80
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	13,350.00	14,075.00	14,075.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	13,350.00	14,075.00	14,075.00
TOTAL TAX COLLECTOR		123,807.00	127,343.80	127,343.80
<b><u>1155 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</u></b>				
51101	INFO TECH DIR SALARY	76,267.00	78,571.44	78,571.44
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	500.00	500.00	500.00
	TOTAL SALARY	76,767.00	79,071.44	79,071.44
5272	COPY MACH SERV CONTRACT	4,500.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
5320	COMPUTER TRAINING	8,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
5340	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	58,800.00	56,000.00	56,000.00
5343	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	98,500.00	102,534.00	107,500.00
5400	SUPPLIES	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5726	LEASE AGREEMENTS	40,500.00	43,679.00	43,679.00
5727	HARDWARE	14,800.00	14,800.00	14,800.00
5728	SOFTWARE	7,000.00	7,000.00	4,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	234,100.00	236,013.00	237,979.00
TOTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		310,867.00	315,084.44	317,050.44

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<b><u>1161 TOWN CLERK</u></b>				
5110	ELECTED OFFICIALS	75,773.52	78,049.44	78,049.44
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	46,293.00	48,397.23	46,810.40
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	3,300.00	3,300.00	1,000.00
	TOTAL SALARY	125,366.52	129,746.67	125,589.84
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	2,325.00	2,325.00	2,325.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	2,325.00	2,325.00	2,325.00
TOTAL TOWN CLERK		127,691.52	132,071.67	128,184.84
<b><u>1163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS</u></b>				
5110	APPOINTED OFFICIALS	0.00	0.00	0.00
51100	CONSTABLES	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	21,472.65	20,679.00	24,000.00
	TOTAL SALARY	22,472.65	21,679.00	25,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	4,000.00	4,000.00	8,825.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	4,000.00	4,000.00	8,825.00
TOTAL BOARD OF REGISTRARS		26,472.65	25,679.00	33,825.00
<b><u>1171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u></b>				
51101	CONSERVATION AGENT SALARY	63,028.77	64,936.80	64,936.80
	TOTAL SALARY	63,028.77	64,936.80	64,936.80
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	1,070.00	1,070.00	1,070.00
5702	MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	4,070.00	4,070.00	4,070.00
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION		67,098.77	69,006.80	69,006.80
<b><u>1175 PLANNING BOARD</u></b>				
51105	CLERICAL SALARY	3,279.60	5,067.00	5,654.00
	TOTAL SALARY	3,279.60	5,067.00	5,654.00
5210	CONSULTING ENGINEERING	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD		5,279.60	7,067.00	7,654.00
<b><u>1199 UNCLASSIFIED (SELECTMEN)</u></b>				
51914	INSURANCE EXPENSE	369,500.00	377,975.00	377,975.00
52000	STREET LIGHTING EXPENSE	53,126.00	53,126.00	53,126.00
52019	TOWN REPORT	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
52100	SELF INSURANCE TRUST FND.	72,086.12	80,000.00	80,000.00
5211	TOWN BUILDING UTILITIES	161,637.93	161,637.93	169,000.00
5212	SAILING CAMP SERVICES	30,000.00	35,000.00	40,000.00
5218	OB RES PLACEMENT	50,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
5219	INFORMATION BOOTH	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
5270	COPY PAPER	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
5273	LEASE LAND FOR DRAINAGE	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL (S+R)	25,000.00	0.00	0.00



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5301	ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
5302	ANNUAL AUDIT	47,500.00	47,500.00	47,500.00
5341	ADVERTISING	6,325.82	6,325.82	6,325.82
5344	POSTAGE	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
5420	OFFICE SUPPLIES	26,558.14	26,000.00	26,000.00
5622	PEST MANAGEMENT	0.00	14,148.13	10,000.00
5623	DUKES CTY HEALTH ACCESS	32,572.00	58,840.19	43,838.00
5690	MV COMMISSION ASSESSMENT	121,286.00	130,950.00	149,526.00
5700	OTHER BENEFITS	7,500.00	7,500.00	107,500.00
5701	TRANSPORTATION/TRAVEL	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
5730	REG HOUSING ASMNT	52,860.00	54,182.00	53,979.00
59999	ENCUMBRANCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED (SELECTMEN)		1,121,702.01	1,163,935.07	**1,275,519.82
<b><u>1210 POLICE DEPARTMENT</u></b>				
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	44,993.16	46,353.60	46,353.60
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	3,500.00	3,500.00	5,500.00
51210	POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY	109,849.32	115,015.98	115,922.07
51211	LIEUTENANT SALARY	94,857.84	98,678.88	98,678.88
51212	PATROLMEN SALARIES	677,388.96	693,049.00	796,675.00
51213	SUMMER	121,032.38	143,012.00	125,000.00
51214	PATROL SERGEANT	177,215.12	187,554.16	187,544.16
51215	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	51,541.86	53,097.84	53,097.84
51217	QUINN BILL ENCUMBRANCE	206,451.02	179,259.72	179,978.00
51292	ANIMAL CTRL OFFICER SALARY	34,859.16	42,261.12	42,261.12
51293	ASST ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	0.00	0.00	0.00
51294	ANIMAL CTRL OTHER CHARGES	2,050.00	2,050.00	
5186	DETECTIVE SALARY	78,404.40	81,557.28	81,557.28
5189	ADDITIONAL SALARY EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00
5190	ADDITIONAL SALARY EXPENSE	163,466.00	177,466.00	181,903.00
	TOTAL SALARY	1,765,609.22	1,822,855.58	*1,914,470.95
5306	DELTA DENTAL	0.00	5,000.00	6,000.00
54294	ANIMAL CONTROL OTHER CHARGES	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
5580	UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	55,500.00	50,500.00	54,000.00
5711	TRAINING & SEMINARS	15,000.00	20,000.00	22,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE'	70,500.00	75,500.00	83,500.00
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT		1,836,109.22	1,898,355.58	1,997,970.95
<b><u>1220 FIRE DEPARTMENT</u></b>				
51101	SALARIES	97,975.00	100,925.76	146,750.00
51102	NON RELATED INCIDENTS	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
51103	FIRE CHIEFS SALARY	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
51110	INCENTIVE PAY	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	0.00	250.00	
	TOTAL SALARY	114,975.00	138,175.76	146,750.00
5243	BUILDING REPAIRS	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	71,863.00	71,863.00	71,863.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	79,863.00	79,863.00	79,863.00
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT		194,838.00	218,038.76	226,613.00

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<b><u>1231 AMBULANCE SERVICE</u></b>				
51101	SALARIES	112,093.69	96,028.49	139,886.24
51102	AMBULANCE CHIEFS SALARY	76,292.31	84,459.60	54,570.00
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	2,250.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
5130	HOLIDAY/OVERTIME PAY	20,000.00	29,600.00	24,000.00
51400	SHIFT PAY	67,603.00	74,033.96	80,300.00
5190	TRAINING & TUITION	11,500.00	11,500.00	11,500.00
	TOTAL SALARY	289,739.00	298,122.05	312,256.24
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	25,000.00	25,500.00	25,500.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	25,000.00	25,500.00	25,500.00
TOTAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		314,739.00	323,622.05	337,756.24
<b><u>1241 BUILDING INSPECTOR</u></b>				
51100	ZONING ADMIN SALARY	5,900.00	5,426.19	5,426.16
51101	BLDG ADMIN SALARIES	18,520.13	18,991.93	18,991.93
51102	BUILDING INSPECTOR	61,609.12	63,454.32	63,454.32
51104	ADMIN. CLERK'S SALARY	0.00	24,012.00	25,437.00
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
51242	SEPARATE INSPECTORS	51,086.73	40,000.00	40,000.00
	TOTAL SALARY	137,115.98	151,884.44	153,309.41
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
5420	OFFICE SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	0.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	1,120.00	500.00	1,000.00
5730	MEMBERSHIPS	500.00	1,000.00	400.00
5780	INSTRUCTIONAL & CONF.	1,000.00	3,000.00	2,500.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	4,620.00	5,500.00	5,100.00
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR		**141,735.98	141,735.98	157,384.44
<b><u>1249 SHELLFISH</u></b>				
51101	CONSTABLE SALARY/SALARIES	39,543.30	40,735.94	40,735.94
51102	SHELLFISH DIRECTORS SALARY	69,341.93	71,430.48	71,430.48
51103	SHELLFISH LABORER	0.00	3,506.00	10,022.40
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,300.00
5130	HOLIDAY	3,922.00	2,256.00	2,256.00
	TOTAL SALARY	113,807.23	118,928.42	125,744.82
5214	WATER MONITORING	10,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
52249	TWN SH-MARINE BIOLOGIST	33,000.00	35,000.00	36,000.00
5311	SHELLFISH LABORER	3,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5420	SUPPLIES	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
5713	TRAVEL CONF. & DUES	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5881	EQUIPMENT	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	51,000.00	48,500.00	49,500.00
TOTAL SHELLFISH		164,807.23	167,428.42	175,244.82
<b><u>1291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u></b>				
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	TOTAL SALARY	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00



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5584	BOAT EXPENSE	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	8,200.00	8,200.00	8,200.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	16,700.00	16,700.00	16,700.00
TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		21,700.00	21,700.00	21,700.00
<b><u>1296 MARINA MANAGER</u></b>				
51101	SALARIES	107,968.90	107,154.40	107,154.40
51102	HARBOR MASTERS SALARY	78,038.00	79,997.20	80,304.48
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	TOTAL SALARY	188,506.90	189,651.60	189,958.88
5240	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	23,000.00	23,000.00	23,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	17,500.00	17,500.00	17,500.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	40,500.00	40,500.00	40,500.00
TOTAL MARINA MANAGER		229,006.90	230,151.60	230,458.88
<b><u>1300 SCHOOL</u></b>				
5000	FIXED EXPENSES	750,070.00	778,038.89	852,804.75
5001	FIXED SALARIES	5,628,579.58	5,427,593.66	5,892,912.92
5100	ADMINISTRATION	0.00	0.00	0.00
5200	INSTRUCTIONAL	0.00	0.00	0.00
5201	INSTRUCTION SALARIES	0.00	0.00	0.00
5400	SERVICE	0.00	0.00	0.00
5401	SERVICE SALARIES	0.00	0.00	0.00
5500	RESIDENTIAL TUITION	0.00	0.00	0.00
5700	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
5701	MAINTENANCE SALARIES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL SCHOOL		6,378,649.58	6,205,632.55	6,745,717.67
<b><u>1301 MARTHA'S VINEYARD REG HS</u></b>				
5690	MVRHS DISTRICT ASSESS	3,472,041.33	3,673,617.00	4,301,456.90
5800	MVRHS CAPITAL OUTLAY	101,734.67	101,585.00	50,326.10
TOTAL MARTHA'S VINEYARD REG		3,573,776.00	3,775,202.00	4,351,783.00
<b><u>1421 HIGHWAY-ADMINISTRATION</u></b>				
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	105,322.84	108,424.62	108,424.62
51102	SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	91,689.01	94,440.24	94,440.24
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	7,800.00	7,700.00	7,700.00
5130	OTHER WAGES	90,587.08	90,588.00	126,028.00
5131	HOLIDAY/ MISC OVERTIME	25,425.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
5132	SNOW/ ICE WAGES	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
51422	LABORER/MECHANIC SALARIES	386,829.68	364,580.06	364,580.06
	TOTAL SALARY	717,653.61	710,732.92	746,172.92
5216	PUBLIC BUILDING MAINTENANCE	90,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
5217	FUEL	105,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00
5240	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	40,000.00	40,000.00	45,000.00
5241	TIPPING FEES	180,000.00	180,000.00	140,000.00
5242	REPAIR OF TRUCKS & EQUIP.	55,000.00	60,000.00	80,000.00
5245	RECYCLING MATERIAL DISP.	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00

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5291	SNOW REMOVAL	15,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00
5292	COLLECTION OF OFFAL	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
5293	MAINT FARM POND CULVERT	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
5294	BEAUTIFICATION & MAINTENANCE	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
5295	RUBBISH TRUCK LEASE	65,343.00	65,343.00	65,353.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	74,300.00	74,300.00	74,300.00
58422	RESURFACING ROADS	31,312.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
59999	ENCUMBRANCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	712,955.00	756,643.00	756,643.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY-ADMINISTRATION		1,430,608.61	1,467,375.92	1,502,815.92
<b><u>1519 BOARD OF HEALTH</u></b>				
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	0.00	24,000.00	25,473.60
51105	CLERICAL SALARY	18,441.79	18,991.65	18,991.65
5120	SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT	5,538.00	5,538.00	11,040.00
51520	HEALTH AGENTS SALARY	69,344.54	71,430.48	71,430.48
	STIPEND			0.00
	TOTAL SALARY	93,324.33	119,960.13	126,935.73
5246	HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
5301	PUB. HEALTH NURSING SERV.	25,270.00	25,270.00	25,270.00
5303	ADVERTISING/POSTAGE	540.00	540.00	540.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	4,407.46	4,000.00	4,000.00
5701	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	160.00	160.00	160.00
5717	SCHOOL SEMINARS & TRAIN.	135.00	135.00	135.00
5730	DUES AND MEMBERSHIP	105.00	105.00	105.00
5731	LANDFILL TESTING	11,884.00	11,884.00	13,221.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	56,501.46	56,094.00	57,431.00
TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH		149,825.79	176,054.13	184,366.73
<b><u>1541 COUNCIL ON AGING</u></b>				
51101	SALARIES	78,842.96	81,162.56	81,162.56
51102	COA DIRECTORS SALARY	60,306.40	61,387.20	61,387.20
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
	TOTAL SALARY	140,249.36	143,649.76	143,649.76
5350	OLDER AMER. ACTS (ICOA)	9,994.00	10,069.50	0.00
5351	SOCIAL DAY CARE (ICOA)	13,668.00	27,550.06	0.00
	MV CENTER FOR LIVING			72,458.00
5352	OFFICE EXPENSE (ICOA)	38,116.00	27,970.28	0.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	70,278.00	74,089.84	80,958.00
TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING		210,527.36	217,739.60	224,607.76
<b><u>1543 VETERANS' SERVICES</u></b>				
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	500.00	500.00	500.00
5770	BENEFIT PAYMENTS	68,000.00	68,000.00	65,000.00
TOTAL VETERANS' SERVICES		68,500.00	68,500.00	65,500.00



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<b><u>1610 LIBRARY</u></b>				
51101	SALARIES	252,741.60	258,137.22	258,137.22
51102	LIBRARY DIRECTORS SALARY	69,230.23	67,317.12	67,317.12
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	1,800.00	1,300.00	2,165.00
	TOTAL SALARY	323,771.83	326,754.34	327,619.34
5200	LIBRARY PROGRAMS	2,870.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
5511	BOOKS & PERIODICALS	96,145.00	96,145.00	96,145.00
5582	SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	8,200.00	8,200.00	8,200.00
5711	EDUCATION & TRAINING	1,000.00	3,720.00	3,720.00
5799	COMPUTER AUTOMATION	29,700.00	29,700.00	29,700.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	137,915.00	140,765.00	140,765.00
TOTAL LIBRARY		461,686.83	467,519.34	468,384.34
<b><u>1612 ARTS COUNCIL</u></b>				
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL ARTS COUNCIL		1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b><u>1630 RECREAT/ON</u></b>				
51105	SALARIES	0.00	54,712.00	71,700.00
	TOTAL SALARY	0.00	54,712.00	71,700.00
5488	BAND CONCERTS	3,750.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	15,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	18,750.00	9,500.00	9,500.00
TOTAL RECREATION		18,750.00	64,212.00	81,200.00
<b><u>1710 MATURING DEBT-PRINCIPAL</u></b>				
5910	WW PRIMARY CLARIFIER	125,571.85	128,109.00	130,695.89
5911	WW DEWATERING/ SEPTAGE	0.00	0.00	0.00
5912	LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00
5927	CONST. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	620,000.00	535,000.00	230,000.00
5932	WASTEWATER	771,660.15	662,444.00	685,822.92
5933	BULKHEAD PROJECT DEBT	155,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00
5934	LANDFILL CAPPING PRINCIPAL	70,100.00	99,609.00	104,597.88
5937	LEONARDO PROPERTY PURCHASE	125,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
5938	SENSE DREDGING	50,000.00	30,000.00	45,000.00
5941	2012WW CAMPUS AREA	0.00	135,000.00	125,000.00
5942	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	29,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL MATURING DEBT-PRINCIPAL		2,092,332.00	2,024,162.00	1,751,116.69
<b><u>1750 MATURING DEBT-INTEREST</u></b>				
5910	WW PRIMARY CLARIFIER	45,629.01	43,093.00	40,504.17
5911	WW DEWATERING/SEPTAGE	0.00	0.00	0.00
5912	LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION	95,812.81	88,375.00	80,937.50
5927	CONST. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	55,400.00	30,600.00	9,200.00
5932	WASTEWATER	228,355.00	159,177.00	135,480.23
5933	BULKHEAD PROJECT DEBT	28,040.00	22,263.00	17,387.50
5934	LANDFILL CAPPING INTEREST	39,994.68	12,422.00	8,882.87
5937	LEONARDO PROPERTY PURCHASE	21,777.50	17,125.00	13,375.00
5938	SENSE DREDGING	20,000.00	20,000.00	10,700.00
5941	2012WW CAMPUS AREA	0.00	50,000.00	42,100.00

		<u>2013</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>ORIG BUD</u>	<u>2,015</u> <u>RECOMMENDED</u>
5942	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	9,425.00	5,000.00
TOTAL MATURING DEBT-INTEREST		535,009.00	452,480.00	363,567.27
<b><u>1751 INT. ON TEMPORARY DEBT</u></b>				
59143	WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS	30,000.00	0.00	0.00
5915	HIGHWAY	30,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
5932	TOWN HALL/FIRE DESIGN	0.00	0.00	5,661.00
5934	HARBOR FUEL	0.00	0.00	3,300.00
TOTAL INT. ON TEMPORARY DEBT		60,000.00	0.00	18,961.00
<b><u>1760 BOND ISSUANCE COSTS</u></b>				
5998	BOND ISSUANCE COSTS	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL BOND ISSUANCE COSTS		0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		23,871,394.16	23,984,055.99	25,008,718.20
<b><u>60198 WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND</u></b>				
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	176,616.00	178,024.80	183,890.40
51102	FACILITY MANAGER	68,320.00	80,605.00	80,605.00
51108	OVERTIME	15,736.00	12,000.00	16,000.00
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	2,300.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
	TOTAL SALARY	262,972.00	272,429.80	282,295.40
5211	TOWN BUILDING UTILITIES	441.00	0.00	0.00
5215	UTILITIES - ELECTRIC	30,037.60	30,038.00	30,038.00
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	16,301.34	20,000.00	20,000.00
5340	COMMUNICATION	30,460.21	35,000.00	35,000.00
5400	WWSUPPLIES	4,193.42	4,193.00	4,193.00
5402	CHEMICAL SUPPLIES	14,230.08	30,000.00	30,000.00
5420	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,673.54	1,674.00	1,674.00
5700	GAS/FUEL	15,093.09	11,662.00	11,662.00
5702	BLDG MAINTENCE	6,090.98	6,091.00	6,091.00
5704	SLUDGE DISPOSAL	81,044.74	85,000.00	85,000.00
5705	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	27,730.40	40,000.00	40,000.00
5706	REPLACE EQUIPMENT	15,151.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
5707	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	2,303.80	2,304.00	2,304.00
5710	TRAVEL EXPENSES	1,327.40	1,500.00	1,500.00
5711	TRAINING & SEMINARS	1,263.56	2,500.00	2,500.00
5730	MEMBERSHIPS	0.00	400.00	400.00
5750	CONTINGENCY	29,532.09	29,532.00	29,532.00
51914	INSURANCE EXPENSE	76,737.00	76,737.00	76,737.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	353,611.25	426,631.00	426,631.00
TOTAL WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE		616,583.25	699,060.80	708,926.40
GRAND TOTAL		24,487,977.41	24,683,116.79	25,717,644.63
5961	TRANSFERS TO GENERAL FUND	860,456.00	686,186.00	703,931.00



# ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

APRIL 10, 2014

The election was held at the Meeting Room at the Oak Bluffs Library and pursuant to the Annual Town Meeting warrant Article 28, polls were declared open at 10:00 a.m. by Constable George Warren. Town Clerk Laura Johnston, Assistant Town Clerk Catherine Plesz, John Cummings, Anne Cummings, Margaret Stafursky and Sarah Adams were in attendance to see to the needs of the voters. Deborah Ratcliff and Constable David Oliveira arrived later to assist.

At 7:00 p.m. the polls were declared closed. The ballot box indicated that a total of 896 voters had participated in this election, 53 of these were by absentee ballot. The total number of registered voters is 3655 thereby reflecting the percentage of participation as 25%.

The preliminary results were announced at 7:05PM. All the ballots were then reviewed to record the counts of write-in candidates. At 8:00 PM all election materials were then sealed and returned to the Town Hall to be stored for the prescribed time and the election results were posted on the Town Bulletin Board.

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN, Two for three years

Michael J. Santoro	556
Walter W. Vail	488
Blanks /Others	748

## TOWN CLERK, One for three years

Laura B. Johnston	716
Blanks / Others	180

## BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER, One for three years

Patricia Bergeron	182
Blanks/Others	714

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, One for three years

John Victor Tiernan	604
Blanks/Others	292

## PARK COMMISSION, One for three years

Amy K. Billings	733
Blanks / Others	163

## PLANNING BOARD, One for five years

T. Ewell Hopkins, Jr.	420
Blanks/Others	476

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE, One for three years

Michael R. Hoyt	481
Blanks/Others	415

## FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE,

Three for three years

Maura J. McGroarty	533
Abraham L. Seiman	446
Kimberly V. Burke	520
Blanks/Others	1189

## WASTEWATER COMMISSIONER,

One for three years

Gail M. Barmakian	616
Blanks/Others	280

## WATER DISTRICT COMMISSIONER,

One for three years

Raymond J. Moreis, Jr	559
Blanks/Others	337

## WATER DISTRICT COMMISSIONER,

One for one year

Nelson S. Oliver	658
Blanks/Others	238

## QUESTIONS

### Override Question:

Shall the Town of Oak Bluffs be allowed to assess an additional \$600,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of the balance of the town's obligation for the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School assessment for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand fourteen?

YES	476
NO	375
BLANKS	45
TOTAL	896

### Debt Exclusion

Shall the Town of Oak Bluffs be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of constructing a new Town Hall, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

YES	389
NO	446
BLANKS	61
TOTAL	896

Shall the Town of Oak Bluffs be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay the costs of constructing a new fire station, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

YES	421
NO	415
BLANKS	60
TOTAL	896

ATTEST:

Laura B. Johnston  
Oak Bluffs Town Clerk

**REPORT OF THE STATE  
PRIMARY ELECTION  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

Pursuant to the warrant, Constable George Warren declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Oak Bluffs Library at 56R School Street. Present for the reception of voters were Assistant Town Clerk Catherine Plesz, Town Clerk Laura Johnston, John Cummings and Board of Registrars Margaret Stafursky and Mary Anne Cummings. Constable David Oliveira, Virginia Coutinho and Katherine Collins arrived later in the day to assist.

At 8:00 p.m. the polls were declared closed by Constable David Oliveira and the unofficial results were announced by Board of Registrar member Margaret Stafursky. The ballot box reflected that a total of 573 voters or 16% of those registered had participated in this election, of the total registered number of 3672. Of the ballots cast, 47 were by absentee. Following the hand count of numerous write-in candidates the final announcement of the winners was made at 9:30 p.m. The ballots and election materials were then sealed and returned to Town Hall to be stored the prescribed time.

**REPUBLICAN PARTY**

**Senator in Congress**

Brian J. Herr	103
All Others	0
Blanks	29
Total	132

**Governor**

Charles D. Baker	103
Mark R. Fisher	24
All Others	1
Blanks	4
Total	132

**Lieutenant Governor**

Karyn E. Polito	107
All Others	0
Blanks	25
Total	132

**Attorney General**

John B. Miller	101
All Others	0
Blanks	31
Total	132

**Secretary of State**

David D'Arcangelo	96
All Others	0
Blanks	36
Total	132

**Treasurer**

Michael James Heffernan	97
All Others	0
Blanks	35
Total	132

**Auditor**

Patricia S. Saint Aubin	91
All Others	0
Blanks	41
Total	132

**Representative in Congress**

Mark C. Alliegro	46
John C. Chapman	41
Vincent A. Cogliano, Jr.	8
Daniel L. Shores	24
All Others	0
Blanks	13
Total	132

**Councillor**

All Others	23
Blanks	109
Total	132

**Senator in General Court**

Ronald R. Beaty, Jr.	54
Allen R. Waters	47
All Others	0
Blanks	31
Total	132

**Representative on General Court**

All Others	11
Blanks	121
Total	132

**District Attorney**

Michael D. O'Keefe	103
All Others	1
Blanks	28
Total	132

**Register of Probate**

Elizabeth J. Herrmann	105
All Others	1
Blanks	26
Total	132

**County Treasurer**

All Others	10
Blanks	122
Total	132



**County Commissioner (7)**

Christine Todd (Write In)	4
All Others	35
Blanks	885
Total	3087

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY****Senator in Congress**

Edward J. Markey	362
All Others	5
Blanks	74
Total	441

**Governor**

Donald M. Berwick	118
Martha Coakley	217
Steven Grossman	101
All Others	0
Blanks	5
Total	441

**Lieutenant Governor**

Leland Cheung	114
Stephen J. Kerrigan	161
Michael E. Lake	62
All Others	1
Blanks	103
Total	441

**Attorney General**

Maura Healey	297
Warren E. Tolman	108
All Others	0
Blanks	36
Total	441

**Secretary of State**

William Francis Galvin	345
All Others	2
Blanks	94
Total	441

**Treasurer**

Thomas P. Conroy	104
Barry R. Finegold	94
Deborah B. Goldberg	176
All Others	1
Blanks	66
Total	441

**Auditor**

Suzanne M. Bump	311
All Others	2
Blanks	128
Total	441

**Representative in Congress**

William Richard Keating	341
All Others	2
Blanks	98
Total	441

**Councillor**

Oliver P. Cipollini, Jr.	119
Joseph C. Ferreira	150
Alexander Kalife	11
Walter D. Moniz	30
All Others	2
Blanks	129
Total	441

**Senator in General Court**

Daniel A. Wolf	345
All Others	2
Blanks	94
Total	441

**Representative on General Court**

Timothy R. Madden	339
All Others	1
Blanks	101
Total	441

**District Attorney**

Richard G. Barry	290
All Others	1
Blanks	150
Total	441

**Register of Probate**

All Others	37
Blanks	404
Total	441

**County Treasurer**

All Others	24
Blanks	417
Total	441

**County Commissioner (7)**

John S. Alley	228
Leon Arthur Brathwaite, II	206
David Jeffrey Holway	178
Christine Todd (Write In)	28
All Others	13
Blanks	2434
Total	3087

ATTEST

Laura B. Johnston  
Oak Bluffs Town Clerk

**REPORT OF THE STATE  
ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

Pursuant to the warrant, Constable George Warren declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Oak Bluffs Library at 56R School Street. Present for the reception of voters were Town Clerk Laura Johnston, Assistant Town Clerk Catherine Plesz, Mary Anne Cummings, John Cummings, Sarah Adams, Margaret Stafursky and Katherine Collins

Constable David Oliveira, Virginia Coutinho, Deborah Ratcliff and Marguerite Cook arrived later in the day to assist.

Shortly before noon the power went out at the Polls and in various other places in Oak Bluff due to a vehicular accident. Luckily, our IT wizard, Travis Larsen had provided us with a powerful surge protector for our voting machine and we were able to continue our voting without interruption. Shortly around 2:00 P.M. the power was restored and all the voters and poll workers present applauded!

At 8:00 p.m. the polls were declared closed by Constable David Oliveira and the unofficial results were announced by Board of Registrar member Margaret Stafursky. The ballot box reflected that a total of 1819 voters or 49% of those registered had participated in this election, of the total registered number of 3721. Of the ballots cast, 253 were by absentee. Following the hand count of numerous write-in candidates the final announcement was made at 11:00 P.M. The ballots and election materials were then sealed and returned to Town Hall to be stored the prescribed time.

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

EDWARD J. MARKEY	1205
BRIAN J. HERR	556
WRITE IN	2
BLANKS	56
TOTAL	1819

**GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

BAKER AND POLITO	677
COAKLEY AND KERRIGAN	1037
FALCHUK AND JENNINGS	57
LIVELY AND SAUNDERS	10
McCORMACK AND POST	17
WRITE IN	2
BLANKS	19
TOTAL	1819

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

MAURA B. HEALEY	1188
JOHN B. MILLER	557
WRITE IN	0
BLANKS	74
TOTAL	1819

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN	1258
DAVID D'ARCANGELO	430
DANIEL L. FACTOR	56
WRITE IN	0
BLANKS	75
TOTAL	1819

**TREASURER**

DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG	1054
MICHAEL JAMES HEFFERNAN	581
IAN T. JACKSON	75
WRITE IN	0
BLANKS	109
TOTAL	1819

**AUDITOR**

SUZANNE M. BUMP	1060
PATRICIA S. SAINT AUBIN	531
MK MERELICE	76
WRITE IN	2
BLANKS	150
TOTAL	1819

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

WILLIAM RICHARD KEATING	1201
JOHN C. CHAPMAN	552
WRITE IN	1
BLANKS	65
TOTAL	1819

**COUNCILLOR**

JOSEPH C. FERREIRA	1229
WRITE IN	11
BLANKS	579
TOTAL	1819

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

DANIEL A. WOLF	1196
RONALD R. BEATY, JR.	513
WRITE IN	0
BLANKS	110
TOTAL	1819

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

TIMOTHY R. MADDEN	1333
WRITE IN	12
BLANKS	474
TOTAL	1819

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

MICHAEL D. O'KEEFE	814
RICHARD G. BARRY	883
WRITE IN	0
BLANKS	122
TOTAL	1819

**REGISTER OF PROBATE**

ELIZABETH J. HERRMANN	1142
WRITE IN	17
BLANKS	11
TOTAL	1819

**COUNTY TREASURER**

NOREEN MAVRO FLANDERS	1189
WRITE IN	11
BLANKS	619
TOTAL	1819

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER (7)**

JOHN S. ALLEY	1064
LEON ARTHUR BRATHWAITE II	870
TRISTAN R. ISRAEL	955
DAVID JEFFREY HOLWAY	831
CHRISTINE TODD	117
GRETCHEN UNDERWOOD	108
LEONARD JASON	35
DANIEL FLYNN	8
BEN HALL JR.	7
BLANKS	8660
WRITE IN	48
MISCELLANEOUS	30
TOTAL	12733.00/7=1819

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION (9)**

CLARENCE A. BARNES, III	1149
CHRISTINA BROWN	959
JOSHUA SETH GOLDSTEIN	863
ERNEST DOUGLAS SEDERHOLM	865
LINDA BAUER SIBLEY	877
ROBERT McMILLEN DOYLE	808
ABRAHAM L. SEIMAN	868
JAMES VERCRIJSSE	839
FRED HANCOCK	950
GRETCHEN UNDERWOOD	26
CHRISTINE TODD	14
WRITE IN	52
BLANKS	8101
TOTAL	16371/9 = 1819

**QUESTION 1****LAW PROPOSED BY  
INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would eliminate the requirement that the state's gasoline tax, which was 24 cents per gallon as of September 2013, (1) be adjusted every year by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index over the preceding year, but (2) not be adjusted below 21.5 cents per gallon.

**A YES VOTE** would eliminate the requirement that the state's gas tax be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws regarding the gas tax.

YES	827
NO	887
BLANKS	105
TOTAL	1819

**QUESTION 2****LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would expand the state's beverage container deposit law, also known as the Bottle Bill, to require deposits on containers for all nonalcoholic non-carbonated drinks in liquid form intended for human consumption, except beverages primarily derived from dairy products, infant formula, and FDA approved medicines. The proposed law would not cover containers made of paper-based biodegradable material and aseptic multi-material packages such as juice boxes or pouches. The proposed law would require the state Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to adjust the container deposit amount every five years to reflect (to the nearest whole cent) changes in the consumer price index, but the value could not be set below five cents. The proposed law would increase the minimum handling fee that beverage distributors must pay dealers for each properly returned empty beverage container, which was 2½ cents as of September 2013, to 3½ cents. It would also increase the minimum handling fee that bottlers must pay distributors and dealers for each properly returned empty reusable beverage container, which was 1 cent as of September 2013, to 3½ cents. The Secretary of EEA would review the fee amounts every five years and make appropriate adjustments to reflect changes in the consumer price index as well as changes in the costs incurred by redemption centers. The proposed law defines a redemption center as any business whose primary purpose is the redemption of beverage containers and that is not ancillary to any other business.

YES	626
NO	1136
BLANKS	57

**QUESTION 3****LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?



## SUMMARY

This proposed law would (1) prohibit the Massachusetts Gaming Commission from issuing any license for a casino or other gaming establishment with table games and slot machines, or any license for a gaming establishment with slot machines; (2) prohibit any such casino or slots gaming under any such licenses that the Commission might have issued before the proposed law took effect; and (3) prohibit wagering on the simulcasting of live greyhound races.

The proposed law would change the definition of “illegal gaming” under Massachusetts law to include wagering on the simulcasting of live greyhound races, as well as table games and slot machines at Commission-licensed casinos, and slot machines at other Commission-licensed gaming establishments.

This would make those types of gaming subject to existing state laws providing criminal penalties for, or otherwise regulating or prohibiting, activities involving illegal gaming.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

**A YES VOTE** would prohibit casinos, any gaming establishment with slot machines, and wagering on simulcast greyhound races.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the current laws regarding gaming.

YES	839
NO	900
BLANKS	80

## QUESTION 4

### LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

## SUMMARY

This proposed law would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions.

Employees who work for employers having eleven or more employees could earn and use up to 40 hours of paid sick time per calendar year, while employees working for smaller employers could earn and use up to 40 hours of unpaid sick time per calendar year. An employee could use earned sick time if required to miss work in order (1) to care for a physical or mental illness, injury or medical condition affecting the employee or the employee’s child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; (2) to attend routine medical appointments of the employee or the employee’s child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; or (3) to address the effects of domestic violence on the employee

or the employee’s dependent child. Employees would earn one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked, and would begin accruing those hours on the date of hire or on July 1, 2015, whichever is later. Employees could begin to use earned sick time on the 90th day after hire.

The proposed law would cover both private and public employers, except that employees of a particular city or town would be covered only if, as required by the state constitution, the proposed law were made applicable by local or state legislative vote or by appropriation of sufficient funds to pay for the benefit. Earned paid sick time would be compensated at the same hourly rate paid to the employee when the sick time is used. Employees could carry over up to 40 hours of unused sick time to the next calendar year, but could not use more than 40 hours in a calendar year.

Employers would not have to pay employees for unused sick time at the end of their employment. If an employee missed work for a reason eligible for earned sick time, but agreed with the employer to work the same number of hours or shifts in the same or next pay period, the employee would not have to use earned sick time for the missed time, and the employer would not have to pay for that missed time. Employers would be prohibited from requiring such an employee to work additional hours to make up for missed time, or to find a replacement employee. Employers could require certification of the need for sick time if an employee used sick time for more than 24 consecutively scheduled work hours. Employers could not delay the taking of or payment for earned sick time because they have not received the certification. Employees would have to make a good faith effort to notify the employer in advance if the need for earned sick time is foreseeable.

Employers would be prohibited from interfering with or retaliating based on an employee’s exercise of earned sick time rights, and from retaliating based on an employee’s support of another employee’s exercise of such rights.

The proposed law would not override employers’ obligations under any contract or benefit plan with more generous provisions than those in the proposed law. Employers that have their own policies providing as much paid time off, usable for the same purposes and under the same conditions, as the proposed law would not be required to provide additional paid sick time.

The Attorney General would enforce the proposed law, using the same enforcement procedures applicable to other state wage laws, and employees could file suits in court to enforce their earned sick time rights. The Attorney General would have to prepare a multilingual notice regarding the right to earned sick time, and employers would be required to post the notice in a conspicuous

location and to provide a copy to employees. The state Executive Office of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Attorney General, would develop a multi-lingual outreach program to inform the public of the availability of earned sick time. The proposed law would take effect on July 1, 2015, and states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

**A YES VOTE** would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws regarding earned sick time.

YES	969
NO	749
BLANKS	101

## QUESTION 5

### THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state senator from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation to expand the radiological Plume Exposure Emergency Planning Zone around the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth, an approximately 10-mile-radius area, to include all of Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket Counties? The proposed law would direct the Secretary of EEA to issue regulations allowing small dealers to seek exemptions from accepting empty deposit containers. The proposed law would define small dealer as any person or business, including the operator of a vending machine, who sells beverages in beverage containers to consumers, with a contiguous retail space of 3,000 square feet or less, excluding office and stock room space; and fewer than four locations under the same

ownership in the Commonwealth. The proposed law would require that the regulations consider at least the health, safety, and convenience of the public, including the distribution of dealers and redemption centers by population or by distance or both.

The proposed law would set up a state Clean Environment Fund to receive certain unclaimed container deposits. The Fund would be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, to support programs such as the proper management of solid waste, water resource protection, parkland, urban forestry, air quality and climate protection. The proposed law would allow a dealer, distributor, redemption center or bottler to refuse to accept any beverage container that is not marked as being refundable in Massachusetts.

The proposed law would take effect on April 22, 2015.

**A YES VOTE** would expand the state's beverage container deposit law to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic, non-carbonated drinks with certain exceptions, increase the associated handling fees, and make other changes to the law.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws regarding beverage container deposits.

YES	1097
NO	430
BLANKS	292

ATTEST

LAURA B. JOHNSTON  
Oak Bluffs Town Clerk

# RETURNS OF DEATHS RECORDED IN 2014

Date	Name	Age	Residence
<b>*OCTOBER 2013 (REPORTED IN 2014)</b>			
29	WILLIAM ALLEN BROWN	67	OAK BLUFFS, MA
<b>*DECEMBER 2013 (REPORTED IN 2014)</b>			
15	TIMOTHY J. TUERFF	58	OAK BLUFFS, MA
<b>JANUARY</b>			
4	JOHN STAUFFER POTTER JR	89	TISBURY, MA
8	MARY ELIZABETH ORTIZ	95	TISBURY, MA
11	DAVID M. FRANKLIN	86	WEST TISBURY, MA
16	RUTH BURNS DAVIN	81	OAK BLUFFS, MA
18	HENRY RAYMOND FAUTEUX	71	OAK BLUFFS, MA
19	DAVID M. WESSLING	65	OAK BLUFFS, MA
25	ROBERT WATSON TAYLOR	68	WEST TISBURY, MA
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
2	ROBERT EDMOND COOKE MD	93	OAK BLUFFS, MA
5	THEODORE CARL MEINELT	97	CHILMARK, MA
10	FAITH ILLAVA RUNNER	93	WEST TISBURY, MA
10	EDWIN CHARLES DREW	78	OAK BLUFFS, MA
13	JANE H. JOHNSON	68	OAK BLUFFS, MA
13	GRACE H. FRYE	95	OAK BLUFFS, MA
17	JUDITH C. DAVEY	78	TISBURY, MA
19	OTIS ERFORD BURT	77	OAK BLUFFS, MA
22	KATHRYN GOODMAN	72	TISBURY, MA
<b>MARCH</b>			
11	MARTIN H. MARD	89	OAK BLUFFS, MA
11	STACY M. VIERA	53	OAK BLUFFS, MA
12	CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM ELLIS	55	TISBURY, MA
13	DONALD ROBERT MILLS	60	WEST TISBURY, MA
16	ADA MAE DANIELS	80	OAK BLUFFS, MA
19	MILDRED T. MORANO	91	SANDWICH, MA
21	HECTOR ASSELIN JR.	93	TISBURY, MA
25	JACQUELINE A. CLAPP	86	EDGARTOWN, MA
<b>APRIL</b>			
11	CUSTER M. RITTER	90	OAK BLUFFS, MA
17	HENRY RAPOZA	44	FALL RIVER, MA
18	JOAN PORTER	80	OAK BLUFFS, MA
19	SUZANNE STOEPEL WHITEMORE	86	EDGARTOWN, MA
20	DOROTHY J. DAMAN	73	EDGARTOWN, MA
25	MICHAEL J. DAVIN	85	OAK BLUFFS, MA



# DEATHS - Continued

Date	Name	Age	Residence
<b>MAY</b>			
1	FRANCIS ELLIOT FISHER	98	EDGARTOWN, MA
7	MARION J. STRAUSS	90	OAK BLUFFS, MA
11	JOYCE P. L'HEUREUX	93	OAK BLUFFS, MA
12	IRENE RUTH GAINES	90	OAK BLUFFS, MA
17	JESSIE L. TYRANCE	88	OAK BLUFFS, MA
21	NELSON H. GUYTHER	55	TISBURY, MA
26	JOANN R. DEBETTENCOURT	70	OAK BLUFFS, MA
28	EILEEN ANN ANDREWS	66	OAK BLUFFS, MA
29	FLORENCE DALIOSO KOSTER	82	TISBURY, MA
<b>JUNE</b>			
14	LOIS MARGARET REMMER	95	OAK BLUFFS, MA
23	ANN R. KARNOVSKY	83	CAMBRIDGE, MA
28	RICHARD L. SAINT-AMANT	65	MARLBOROUGH, MA
28	WALTER CASWELL ASHLEY	63	OAK BLUFFS, MA
30	CARL EPHRAIMSON BARRIE	91	TISBURY, MA
<b>JULY</b>			
2	MICHAEL STANDARD	79	BURLINGTON, VT
3	CHARLES BRABSON SANDERS II	90	OAK BLUFFS, MA
7	ROBERT WILLIAM KELLEY	95	EDGARTOWN, MA
14	LILLIAN LUDWIG	92	OAK BLUFFS, MA
15	EDWIN IRVING LANDERS	91	OAK BLUFFS, MA
16	PATRICIA A. COSTA	78	OAK BLUFFS, MA
18	VIOLET MARION WATERS	85	EDGARTOWN, MA
19	GEORGE WALLACE BROWN MD	85	TISBURY, MA
20	HAROLD H. HILL	79	OAK BLUFFS, MA
28	LORRAINE T. PINCKNEY	75	OAK BLUFFS, MA
30	BARBARA J. FLYNN	81	WEST TISBURY, MA
30	PATRICIA JANE MASEDA	81	OAK BLUFFS, MA
<b>AUGUST</b>			
13	HENRY PATRICK KELLY	76	OAK BLUFFS, MA
30	ROBERT M. MITCHELL	76	HARVARD, MA
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
4	ETHEL MAY SHERMAN	91	CHILMARK, MA
11	HELEN MCVEY COLVIN	72	EDGARTOWN, MA
17	JOSEPH A PALERMO	93	EDGARTOWN, MA
19	MARJORIE B. WHITE-WILSON	89	OAK BLUFFS, MA
24	ROBERT ALFRED PLANTE	67	OAK BLUFFS, M
24	JOHN W. WALTON	63	OAK BLUFFS, MA
27	ELEANORE HOAR	96	OAK BLUFFS, MA

**DEATHS - Continued**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Residence</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
7	MARY ELLEN YAKELEY	99	OAK BLUFFS, MA
12	SYLVIA MELROSE CAMPBELL	97	OAK BLUFFS, MA
13	MARY ELIZABETH LANDERS	93	OAK BLUFFS, MA
22	JOANNE V. KONIG	75	EDGARTOWN, MA
27	VICTOR OLIVER III	57	TISBURY, MA
27	CECILE H. GORDON	88	OAK BLUFFS, MA
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
1	HERBERT CARLTON TILTON III	58	EDGARTOWN, MA
3	VIOLA LYDIA LANDERS	89	OAK BLUFFS, MA
16	GLORIA ZACCARDI MARD	90	OAK BLUFFS, MA
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
3	WILLIAM HENRY HANNA	98	OAK BLUFFS, MA
10	ROBERT GEOFFREY SPENCE	75	OAK BLUFFS, MA
12	NORMAN RAY BRIDWELL	86	EDGARTOWN, MA
12	MELVIN KENNY CLARK	82	OAK BLUFFS, MA
25	DOREENA F. BROUILLETTE	84	TISBURY, MA
28	EDITH L. BENNETT	93	TISBURY, MA

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Date	Name	Residence
<b>JANUARY</b>		
17	GREGG LACOTES WILSON KAREN ANN NIEMI	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
18	BRADLEY KAYE TANNER LAURA MATTHEWS	OAK BLUFFS, MA DEDHAM, MA
27	AUSTIN THOMAS HIGGINS TINA MARIE CONROY PALMER	WEST TISBURY, MA WEST TISBURY, MA
<b>MARCH</b>		
1	KIMBERLY SUE FUSON BARBARA JEAN SEIDMAN	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
10	ANDREW KENNETH ROBINSON TATIANA BORISOVNA PAVLENKO	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
14	MICHAEL H. SISCO ABIBE YUMER HYUSEIN	WEST TISBURY, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
<b>MAY</b>		
10	VALCI T. CARVALHO KATELYN EMILY MCGRATH	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
24	MADELINE ARLENE SULLIVAN CARYN KIMBERLIE HODGE	CHRISTIANSTED, ST. CROIX CHRISTIANSTED, ST. CROIX
31	BENJAMIN ROSS SCOTT LAINEY CITRON FINK	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
<b>JUNE</b>		
6	JAMIE SHAWN PETERS KATHERINE ANN TENNANT	PARAMUS, NJ PARAMUS, NJ
6	WILLIAM NEIL SMITH AMY ELIZABETH ROGERS	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
7	NICHOLAS COLLINGS PHELPS KATHRYN MICHAELA NOONAN	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
12	RUSSELL AUDRIC NELSON WASHINGTON TENEKA BINTI POLITE	HYATTSVILLE, MD HYATTSVILLE, MD
14	SAMUEL SEARLE MORRIS KATHERINE JANE ELLSWORTH	BROOKLYN, NY BROOKLYN, NY
15	JOHAN HELANDER JENNIFER SKOLD	STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN
20	DONALD V. DRAKE III RICHARD LEE CUNNINGHAM	ORLANDO, FL ORLANDO, FL
21	DUSTIN HARRIS-ATLAS ELIZABETH LYNN DIAMOND	WASHINGTON, DC WASHINGTON, DC



# MARRIAGES - Continued

Date	Name	Residence
<b>JUNE</b>		
28	JOSHUA CLAUDE REYNAL CAITLYN JANE COOGAN	RICHMOND, VA RICHMOND, VA
28	JASON TAYLOR SCHWAB JAMIE LYNN BILLINGS	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
28	STEPHEN TERRY SERUSA EMILY AMANDA SMITH	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
28	WALTER R. EGLINAS CAROL J. NEFF	TISBURY, MA REDDICK, FL
<b>JULY</b>		
3	TODD JAMES AMBROSE MELANY MARIE LICKWAR	WARREN, OH WARREN, OH
4	ANDREW STEWART BLAIR TARTAGLIA	SUMMERVILLE, SC SUMMERVILLE, SC
7	ANDREW BLAINE JOHNSTON BRIANNA JAYE VALENTI	MONSON, MA MONSON, MA
10	VINCENT R. VIGILANTI DIANE CLAIRE BACOLO	HAWTHORNE, NJ HAWTHORNE, NJ
14	SAMUEL SEARLE MORRIS KATHERINE JANE ELLSWORTH	BROOKLYN, NY BROOKLYN, NY
19	CORY JAMES O'BRIEN DOUGLAS ROBERT EVASICK	GREENBELT, MD GREENBELT, MD
19	STEVEN VANTINE BETTY JOAN YERDON	EDGARTOWN, MA EDGARTOWN, MA
31	ANN COURTNEY TAYLOR REBECCA LIN WHITAKER	RICHARDSON, TX RICHARDSON, TX
<b>AUGUST</b>		
8	MILOS PEKEZ RACHELLE SCARLETTE O'HANDLEY	COUNTRYSIDE, IL FRANKLIN, MA
9	MICHAEL JOHN WILLIAMS ALBERT JAN HOEDEMAKER	SOUTHINGTON, CT SOUTHINGTON, CT
9	JAMES EDWARD THOMAS ALEX SANDRO SANTOS	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
21	MICHAEL PATRICK RYAN KAREN LYNN GEAR	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA

# MARRIAGES - Continued

Date	Name	Residence
<b>AUGUST</b>		
21	JUSTIN GORDON ROGERS PAIGE BRYNN O'FLAHERTY	HAGERSTOWN, MD HAGERSTOWN, MD
23	MATTHEW ROBERT GROOMS KELSEY MAUREEN BANNON	HYATTSVILLE, MD HYATTSVILLE, MD
23	GARY MICHAEL LEWIS SUSAN ELIZABETH JACKSON	BROOKLYN, NY BROOKLYN, NY
23	AIRTON BROSKI JUNIOR ELIZABETH CHANNING NEVIN	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
30	ARTHUR OCHS SULZBERGER, JR GABRIELLE ELSIE GREENE	NEW YORK, NY NEW YORK, NY
30	GEORGE GERALD SMITH III SARAH KELSEY BIGGERS	CHICAGO, IL CHICAGO, IL
31	MARCO ANTONIO RIVERA BECKY SUE TRASK	FRAMINGHAM, MA FRAMINGHAM, MA
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
5	DAVID SOLA HEATHER YVONNE DUBE	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
6	BENJAMIN ELY CORNELL ADRIANA VETRANO	PHILADELPHIA, PA PHILADELPHIA, PA
13	BARRY SCOTT JAMES DANIELA RODRIGUES DA SILVA	NAUGATUCK, CT NAUGATUCK, CT
13	RICHARD C. WALKER III BETTY J. CHEVIOT	WALTHAM, MA WALTHAM, MA
14	VILMAR DE SOUZA CRUZ MARIA DO CARMO MOREIRA	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
20	CHRISTIAN ERIC REINHARDSEN WENDY MICHELLE TOTH	NORRISTOWN, PA NORRISTOWN, PA
21	DONALD GROOVER JR JACYRA BRANDL	OAK BLUFFS, MA TISBURY, MA
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
4	NICOLAS JOSEPH CARLUCCI CAITLIN ELIZABETH BARBER	CHARLESTOWN, MA CHARLESTOWN, MA
11	BRANDON RICHARD FELTON BRIE MIRANDA BRYANT	SILVER SPRING, MD NEW YORK, NY

# **MARRIAGES - Continued**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
12	THARLLY ZAM MAGRI GABRIELA MENDONCA LIMA	TISBURY, MA TISBURY, MA
19	NATHAN WILLIAM THOMPSON JASMINE KATHLEEN FANNING	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
29	WILLIAM RICHARD JOSEPH WESCOTT LORIANNE EVE MAHONEY	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
1	KEVIN MICHAEL WARNER MARA HART FLANAGAN	PLEASANTVILLE, NY PLEASANTVILLE, NY
17	ALEXANDER PETER THELLAS LAM KHAC THUY NGUYEN	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
17	DEREK BAKER HULL ANTONIYA VLADIMIROVA GEROGIEVA	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA



## PERSONNEL BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

*The Personnel Board oversees the Oak Bluffs Personnel By-laws, which provide administration for employees not covered by collective bargaining units. The Board acts in an advisory capacity to the Selectmen and Town Administrator with respect to all employees both union and non-union.*

At the end of 2014, Oak Bluffs taxpayers were directly paying for 147 full and part-time employees, and up to 105 seasonal, on-call, substitute and temporary employees.

In 2014, the Personnel Board voted on the following motions:

Accept the recommendation of the evaluation committee to endorse the Fire Chief to be placed in Grade 17 of the Town's compensation schedule;

Accept the Evaluation committee's recommendation for the Highway Foreman to be upgraded by two steps due to increase in duties and responsibilities;

Accept amended military leave pay: By-law 15.3. To cover employees in the Military Reserve ten days a year to cover their two-week mandatory training;

Accept the provision to By-Law 14.4.2. The Town can designate an employee to be under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), if they are out on extended leave due to a medical reason;

Motioned to give employees covered by the Personnel By-Laws a 2% COLA to remain equitable with collective bargaining employees;

In a lengthy and ongoing process to re-structure the Council on Aging, the Board voted to accept proposed drafts of the COA Administrator and COA Program Administrator job descriptions;

Approved giving three Personal days to By-law employees to remain equitable with collective bargaining employees;

Approve grade re-classifications for Police seasonal employees and specials as presented by the Police Chief for equitability with other Island Towns;

Accept amendments and re-classifications of Library Assistants to become Library Associates as presented by the Library Director with upgraded job descriptions, to adapt to the changing future of the Library's role in the community;

To endorse the promotion and re-classification of the BOH/ Building Administrative Assistant Grade 5 to Office Administrator Grade 7 for increased duties and responsibilities;

To accept the job descriptions for the Firefighter EMT and Firefighter Paramedic as presented by the HR Administrator;

To accept the new Employee Performance Evaluation Forms designed by the HR Administrator.

The Personnel Board will undertake the following for 2014:

1. Be involved with the Performance Evaluations and help employees achieve their defined goals through training opportunities and plans of action;
2. Review the Compensation Plan to determine each position is graded equitably with their duties;
3. Offer training opportunities to staff that are eligible or are required to be certified;
4. Assess department staffing structure in an effort to determine succession-planning needs.

For 2014, the Personnel Department oversaw the following changes in staffing of regular employees:

Retired: Rosemary Hildreth (Library Associate), Jim Dunn (Building Inspector), Fran Bradley (Fire-EMS).

Hired: Mark Barbadoro (Building Inspector); Allyson Malik, Head of Technology and Adult Services (Library); Luis Gonzales (Cemetery Skilled Laborer -Highway); Jason Marathas and Timothy Millerick, as Patrolmen for Police.

Resigned: Mikaela Wolfe (Reference Librarian); Zoe Pechter-Thompson (Children's Librarian);

The HR Administrator continues to facilitate the successful Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Program, which allows a few openings for Oak Bluffs seniors to volunteer their hours to work for the Town to receive abatement on their property tax. The Town successfully negotiated all collective bargaining agreements with AFSCME and MA Police Association employees in a process of lively and sincere deliberations. In addition, the new Oak Bluffs Procedures and Policies manual was distributed to employees in 2014 with updated information for greater compliance for employees and the Town.

The Board would like to thank Wendy Brough, Human Resources Administrator for her administrative support she continues to do on behalf of this Board and Town employees.

Oak Bluffs is fortunate to have many talented and dedicated employees and we sincerely thank them for their hard work and commitment.

Respectfully submitted

GRETCHEN COLEMAN-THOMAS, Chair  
ROBERT BLYTHE  
JOHN LOLLEY  
ABRAHAM SEIMAN

WENDY BROUGH, Human Resources Administrator

**PERSONNEL BOARD**  
**YEAR-END 2014 POSITION COMPENSATION**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Total Compensation*</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Total Compensation*</u>
<b><u>Fire-EMS</u></b>					
	Fire-EMS Chief	\$112,623		Kindergarten Assistant	\$26,706
	Lieutenant	\$98,200		Grade 1 Teacher	\$93,750
	Office Administrator	\$48,845		Grade 1 Teacher	\$79,425
	Paramedic	\$97,035		Grade 1 Teacher	\$49,592
	Paramedic	\$81,890		Grade 2 Teacher	\$91,892
	Paramedic	\$86,275		Grade 2 Teacher	\$92,525
	Paramedic	\$89,301		Grade 2 Teacher	\$85,298
	Paramedic	\$81,635		Grade 3 Teacher	\$75,724
	Paramedic	\$86,275		Grade 3 Teacher	\$94,000
	EMT	\$62,891		Grade 4 Teacher	\$82,149
<b><u>Council On Aging</u></b>				Grade 4 Teacher	\$73,636
	Acting COA Director	\$46,618		Grade 4 Teacher	\$87,931
	Outreach Coordinator (28 hrs)	\$36,812		Grade 5/6 Science	\$64,082
<b><u>Highway</u></b>				Grade 7/8 Science	\$81,957
	Highway Superintendent	\$96,956		Grade 5 Social Stud./ Lang.Arts	\$89,216
	Office Administrator	\$51,420		Grade 5 / 6 Social Studies	\$76,182
	Foreman	\$73,610		Grade 7/8 Social Studies	\$87,323
	Heavy Equipment Operator	\$66,242		Grade 5 Math/Science	\$68,445
	Heavy Equipment Operator	\$52,756		Grade 6 Math	\$95,238
	Heavy Equipment Operator	\$58,475		Grade 8 Math	\$93,488
	Heavy Equipment Operator	\$54,938		Grade 6 Language Arts	\$84,609
	Cemetery Skilled Laborer	\$34,969		Grade 7/ 8 Language Arts	\$83,929
	Skilled Laborer	\$46,525		Reading Recovery Teacher	\$82,780
	Skilled Laborer	\$54,488		Physical Education Teacher	\$87,548
	Custodian (20 hrs)	\$28,348		ESL Teacher	\$46,369
	Custodian (20-30 hrs)	\$29,204		Physical Education / Health	\$68,464
<b><u>Library</u></b>				Home Education Teacher	\$42,152
	Library Director	\$66,019		Art Teacher	\$84,056
	Reference Librarian (8 mths)	\$34,730		Reading 5-8	\$93,504
	Children's Librarian (10 mths)	\$40,736		Reading	\$93,983
	Library Associate	\$38,248		Math Support 5-8	\$83,250
	Library Associate	\$37,090		Instrumental Music	\$41,025
	Library Associate (9 mths)	\$31,220		Spanish Teacher	\$84,212
	Library Assistant (22 hrs)	\$22,854		Music Teacher	\$93,068
<b><u>Marina</u></b>				Industrial Arts Teacher	\$42,841
	Marina Manager/ Harbormaster	\$82,751		Teacher Assistant	\$26,436
	Admin.Asst. (20 hrs)	\$26,406		School Librarian	\$87,720
<b><u>Shellfish</u></b>				Library Assistant	\$28,673
	Shellfish Constable	\$72,820		SPED Teacher	\$79,073
	Natural Resource Officer	\$42,403		SPED Teacher	\$91,876
<b><u>School</u></b>				SPED Teacher	\$81,767
	Oak Bluffs Principal	\$117,130		SPED Teacher	\$55,511
	Assistant Principal	\$102,405		SPED Teacher	\$90,596
	School Secretary	\$58,802		SPED Assistant	\$20,522
	School Secretary	\$56,284		SPED Assistant	\$26,462
	School Secretary	\$51,025		SPED Assistant	\$22,158
	Kindergarten Teacher	\$92,510		SPED Assistant	\$27,238
	Kindergarten Teacher	\$57,860		SPED Assistant	\$22,597
	Kindergarten Teacher	\$86,798		SPED Assistant	\$26,989
	Kindergarten Assistant	\$29,251		SPED Assistant	\$21,729
				Computer Teacher	\$93,259

<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Total Compensation*</u>
	Computer Technician	\$69,525
	Guidance Councillor	\$77,716
	Guidance Councillor	\$92,138
	School Nurse	\$37,377
	Custodian	\$65,409
	Custodian	\$62,895
	Head Custodian	\$62,828
	Custodian (180 days)	\$26,424
	School Head Cook	\$45,507
	Café Helper	\$21,571
	Assistant Cook	\$34,133
<b><u>Town Hall</u></b>		
	Town Administrator	\$125,221
	BOS Office Administrator	\$65,639
	BOS Admin. Assistant	\$48,065
	HR Administrator	\$28,115
	Assistant Town Clerk	\$40,991
	Town Clerk	\$74,271
	IT Director	\$79,502
	Principal Assessor	\$85,467
	Assistant Assessor (25 hrs)	\$29,641
	Town Accountant	\$78,482
	Assistant Accountant	\$47,718
	Treasurer	\$72,820
	Tax Collector	\$73,820
	Tax Collector Admin. Asst.	\$39,979
	Conservation Agent	\$65,293
	Building Inspector (6 mths)	\$45,416
	Building Inspector (2 mths)	\$15,696

<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Total Compensation*</u>
	Health Agent	\$71,820
	BOH/Building Office Admin.	\$46,677
<b><u>Wastewater</u></b>		
	Mechanic/ Operator	\$61,499
	Office Admin. / Lab Tech	\$74,656
	Junior Operator	\$48,690
	Facilities Manager	\$82,361
<b><u>Police</u></b>		
	Chief	\$148,208
	Lieutenant	\$152,271
	Sergeant	\$127,616
	Sergeant	\$128,618
	Sergeant	\$146,875
	Detective	\$131,503
	Detective	\$125,709
	Patrol	\$133,970
	Patrol	\$84,169
	Patrol	\$94,058
	Patrol	\$121,874
	Patrol	\$93,788
	Patrol	\$105,997
	Patrol	\$152,998
	Patrol (6 mths)	\$34,579
	Special	\$57,754
	Special	\$58,919
	Animal Control	\$53,301
	Executive Assistant	\$61,642
	Police Admin. Asst	\$47,592

\*Compensation includes overtime, longevity, stipends.  
Police also includes education incentive pay.



# FINANCE

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The Board of Assessors is responsible for the full and fair valuation of all Oak Bluffs real and personal property for the purpose of the equitable distribution of the property tax burden. In addition to real estate, the Board of Assessors is responsible for assessing watercraft, personal property and motor vehicles situated in Oak Bluffs; it apportions and assesses betterments, commits Community Preservation taxes and prepares the annual Tax Recap for setting the tax rate.

Massachusetts General Laws dictate that property be assessed at full and fair valuation as of January 1st preceding the start of each fiscal year. The Assessing Department does this through an Interim Adjustment Program. Every three years, the Department of Revenue performs a procedural audit of the assessors' work to certify that the Town is meeting its statutory requirement of full and fair value. This audit was successfully finalized prior to the printing of this report and the resulting values used for the fiscal 2015 tax billing.

The Fiscal Year 2014 Tax Recap was approved as shown below:

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA -5)	(c) IC above times each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by class (from LA - 5)	(e) Tax Rates (c) / (d) x 1000	(f) Levy by class (d) x (e) / 1000
Residential	92.7646%	18,274,822.68	2,339,925,454	7.81	18,274,817.80
Net of Exempt					0.00
Open Space	0.0681%	13,415.84	1,717,300	7.81	13,412.11
Commercial	4.9529%	975,731.79	124,934,286	7.81	975,736.77
Net of Exempt					0.00
Industrial	0.1567%	30,870.23	3,951,900	7.81	30,864.34
SUBTOTAL	97.9423%		2,470,528,940		19,294,831.02
Personal	2.0577%	405,371.26	51,905,350	7.81	405,380.78
TOTAL	100.0000%		2,522,434,290		19,700,211.80

In addition to those shown on the Recap, the Board of Assessors committed the following taxes during fiscal year 2014:

Community Preservation Tax:	\$472,781.17
Motor vehicle excise (Calendar Year):	\$717,317.33
Boat Excise:	\$ 12,136.13

Respectfully submitted,

Town of Oak Bluffs Board of Assessors:  
JESSE B. LAW, III, Chairman  
MELANIE M. BILODEAU, Clerk  
MARIE ALLEN  
DAVID A. BAILEY, Principal Assessor

**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET**  
**JUNE 30, 2014**

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise Fund	Trust & Agency Funds	Agency Obligations	Long-Term Obligations	Combined
<b>ASSETS</b>								
Cash	3,745,290.15	5,062,329.63	824,904.88	636,805.78	1,137,687.74			11,407,018.18
Petty Cash	305.00							305.00
Receivables:								
Real Estate	1,237,686.22							1,237,686.22
Property Taxes	33,495.38							33,495.38
Community Preservation		17,622.52						17,622.52
Tax Title	2,073,767.70	30,444.18		49,453.53				2,153,665.41
Deferred Taxes	142,996.52							142,996.52
Motor Vehicle Excise	226,287.95							226,287.95
Boat Excise	8,440.75							8,440.75
Ambulance		1,763,347.38						1,763,347.38
User Charges				83,161.88				83,161.88
Liens added to Taxes	37,871.20			38,997.84				76,869.04
Betterments				39,316.88				39,316.88
Tax Foreclosures	24,045.43							24,045.43
Due from State								.00
Other Financial Sources (Temporary Loans)			1,891,296.00					1,891,296.00
Amounts to be provided for LTD						16,062,404.37		16,062,404.37
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>7,530,186.30</b>	<b>6,873,743.71</b>	<b>2,716,200.88</b>	<b>847,735.91</b>	<b>1,137,687.74</b>	<b>-00</b>	<b>16,062,404.37</b>	<b>35,167,958.91</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Warrants Payable	442,446.73	39,896.82	76,018.30	27,705.42				586,067.27
Accrued Payroll	751,829.61	41,856.59		8,419.73				802,105.93
Payroll Withholdings	199,216.38							199,216.38
Allowance for Abatements	384,273.27							384,273.27
Deferred Revenue	3,400,317.88	1,811,414.08		210,930.13				5,422,662.09
Taxes Paid in Advance	52,149.82	2,577.02						54,726.84
Police Details					(92,758.37)			(92,758.37)
Other Liabilities	19,557.31							19,557.31
Bond Anticipation Notes			1,891,296.00					1,891,296.00
L/T Debt						16,062,404.37		16,062,404.37
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>5,249,791.00</b>	<b>1,895,744.51</b>	<b>1,967,314.30</b>	<b>247,055.28</b>	<b>(92,758.37)</b>	<b>-00</b>	<b>16,062,404.37</b>	<b>25,329,551.09</b>

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise Fund	Trust & Agency Funds	Agency Obligations	Long-Term Obligations	Combined
<b>Fund Balance</b>								
Reserved for Expenditures	749,670.00	746,664.00		277,500.00	1,230,446.11			3,004,280.11
Reserved for Encumbrances & Articles Carried Forward	439,011.39		748,886.58	13,285.00				1,201,182.97
Reserved for Open Space		256,786.35						256,786.35
Reserved for Historic Preservation		43,086.59						43,086.59
Reserved for Community Housing		301,677.00						301,677.00
Unreserved for Revenue Deficits								-00
Unreserved for Appropriation Deficits								-00
Unreserved for Unprovided Abatements & Exemptions								-00
Unreserved and Undesignated/ Retained Earnings	1,091,713.91	3,629,785.26		309,895.63				5,031,394.80
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	2,280,395.30	4,977,999.20	748,886.58	600,680.63	1,230,446.11	-00	-00	9,838,407.82
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	7,530,186.30	6,873,743.71	2,716,200.88	847,735.91	1,137,687.74	-00	16,062,404.37	35,167,958.91



**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS  
BALANCE SHEET FY '14  
GENERAL FUND**

**ASSETS**

PETTY CASH	\$305.00	
CASH-UNRESTRICTED. CHECKING	3,745,290.15	
TOTAL CASH		\$3,745,595.15
REAL ESTATE-1990	31,036.88	
REAL ESTATE-1991	32,935.16	
REAL ESTATE-1992	35,450.38	
REAL ESTATE-1993	36,033.12	
REAL ESTATE-1994	36,473.89	
REAL ESTATE-1995	37,558.58	
REAL ESTATE-1996	38,711.62	
REAL ESTATE-1997	38,933.19	
REAL ESTATE-1998	37,976.10	
REAL ESTATE-1999	35,529.80	
REAL ESTATE-2000	37,360.69	
REAL ESTATE-2001	40,355.84	
REAL ESTATE-2002	1,956.41	
REAL ESTATE-2003	2,289.44	
REAL ESTATE-2004	3,115.16	
REAL ESTATE-2005	3,037.43	
REAL ESTATE-2006	3,184.93	
REAL ESTATE-2007	3,448.47	
REAL ESTATE-2008	3,398.26	
REAL ESTATE-2009	3,645.74	
REAL ESTATE-2010	379.89	
REAL ESTATE-2011	30,187.26	
REAL ESTATE-2012	74,358.73	
REAL ESTATE-2013	73,031.20	
REAL ESTATE-2014	597,298.05	
TOTAL REAL ESTATE		1,237,686.22
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2008	35.37	
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2009	160.47	
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2010	39.58	
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2011	490.37	
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2012	829.48	
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2013	2,736.62	
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY	29,203.49	33,495.38
TAX TITLE RECEIVABLES		2,073,767.70
WATER LIENS RECEIVABLE		5,938.54
TAX TITLE-WATER LIENS (OBWD)		31,932.66
DEFERRED PROPERTY TAX REC		142,996.52
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2001	5,831.33	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2002	6,268.89	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2003	8,355.28	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2004	9,448.09	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2005	8,705.27	

**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS  
BALANCE SHEET FY'14 (CONT.)  
GENERAL FUND**

MOTOR VEH. EXCISE-2006	7,913.92	
MOTOR VEH. EXCISE-2007	8,828.08	
MOTOR VEH. EXCISE-2008	7,648.88	
MOTOR VEH. EXCISE-2009	7,838.50	
MOTOR VEH. EXCISE-2010	6,194.62	
MOTOR VEH. EXCISE-2011	7,467.85	
MOTOR VEH. EXCISE-2012	9,255.78	
MOTOR VEH. EXCISE-2013	24,875.15	
MOTOR VEH. EXCISE-2014	107,656.31	
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TOTAL MOTOR VEH. EXCISE		226,287.95

BOAT EXCISE-2005	25.00	
BOAT EXCISE-2006	25.00	
BOAT EXCISE-2007	25.00	
BOAT EXCISE-2008	25.00	
BOAT EXCISE-2009	75.00	
BOAT EXCISE-2010	209.00	
BOAT EXCISE-2011	572.27	
BOAT EXCISE-2012	993.00	
BOAT EXCISE-2013	1,270.00	
BOAT EXCISE-2014	5,221.48	
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TOTAL BOAT EXCISE		8,440.75

TAX FORECLOSURES		24,045.43
TOTAL ASSETS		<hr/> \$7,530,186.30

**LIABILITIES RESERVES and FUND BALANCE**

**LIABILITIES**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		\$442,446.73
ACCRUED PAYROLL		751,829.61

FEDERAL TAX WITHHOLDINGS	86.52	
MEDICARE/FICA WITHHOLDING	197.15	
STATE TAX WITHHOLDINGS	169.18	
RETIREMENT WITHHOLDINGS	35,454.63	
INSURANCE WITHHOLDINGS	150,327.39	
DENTAL INS. WITHHOLDING	8,082.22	
LIFE INS (A & B)	2,034.88	
DUES (AFSME/MCOPS/MVEA/MVTED)	2,800.22	
MISC. DEDUCTIONS	64.19	
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TOTAL PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS		199,216.38

TAXES PAID IN ADVANCE		52,149.82
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UNCLAIMED ITEMS/TAILINGS		19,557.31
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ALLOW ABATE/EXEMPT-2003	647.73	
ALLOW ABATE/EXEMPT-2004	7,641.85	

**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS  
BALANCE SHEET FY'14 (CONT.)  
GENERAL FUND**

ALLOW ABATE/EXEMPT-2005	7,945.99	
ALLOW ABATE/EXEMPT-2006	7,949.18	
ALLOW ABATE/EXEMPT-2008	24,000.00	
ALLOW ABATE/EXEMPT-2011	77,663.19	
ALLOW ABATE/EXEMPT-2012	57,310.45	
ALLOW ABATE/EXEMPT-2013	120,594.95	
ALLOW ABATE/EXEMPT-2014	80,519.93	
TOTAL ALLOW ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS		384,273.27
DEF REVENUE-REAL ESTATE TAX	886,908.33	
DEF REVENUE-DEFERRED PROPERTY TAX	142,996.52	
DEF REVENUE-TAX LIENS	2,073,767.70	
DEF REVENUE-TAX FORECLOSURES	24,045.43	
DEF REVENUE-WATER LIENS	5,938.54	
DEF REV WATER TT-LIEN	31,932.66	
DEF REVENUE-MOTOR VEH EXCISE	226,287.95	
DEF REVENUE-BOAT EXCISE	8,440.75	
TOTAL DEFERRED REVENUE		3,400,317.88
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES and DEFERRED</b>		<b>5,249,791.00</b>
FUND BALANCE		
FUND BAL- RES FOR ENCUMBRANCES	32,482.67	
FUND BAL-RES CONTINUED APPTNS	406,528.72	
FUND BAL- RES FOR EXPENDITURES	749,670.00	
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	1,091,713.91	
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		2,280,395.30
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES DEFERRED AND FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>\$7,530,186.30</b>



**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**AS OF JUNE 30, 2014**

	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
REAL/PERSONAL PROPERTY (NET OVERLAY)	19,547,501.00	19,127,552.77	(419,948.23)
TAX TITLE & LIENS		282,194.74	282,194.74
MV EXCISE	600,000.00	684,562.24	84,562.24
Other EXCISE	682,535.00	667,682.31	(14,852.69)
PENALTIES AND INTEREST	208,000.00	198,296.24	(9,703.76)
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	9,500.00	10,143.29	643.29
CHARGES FOR SERVICES-TRASH	211,000.00	222,605.00	11,605.00
FEES	72,000.00	124,030.70	52,030.70
RENTALS	85,000.00	85,343.50	343.50
DEPT. REVENUE - SCHOOL			0.00
DEPT. REVENUE - LIBRARY	13,000.00	12,213.95	(786.05)
OTHER DEPT. REVENUES	239,000.00	200,347.97	(38,652.03)
LICENSES AND PERMITS	290,000.00	339,782.47	49,782.47
FINES AND FORFEITS	17,000.00	28,530.00	11,530.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	10,000.00	12,522.99	2,522.99
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS-RECURRING	849,000.00	886,680.05	37,680.05
STATE AID	946,895.00	932,138.00	(14,757.00)
MSBA School Construction	567,924.00	567,924.00	0.00
INTERFUND TRANSFERS IN	1,439,978.00	1,439,978.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>25,788,333.00</b>	<b>25,822,528.22</b>	<b>34,195.22</b>
EXPENDITURES:			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	6,011,585.31	5,953,034.23	58,551.08
PROTECTION OF PERSONS/PROPERTY	3,400,339.17	3,357,194.11	43,145.06
EDUCATION	9,980,834.90	9,980,834.90	0.00
PUBLIC WORKS	1,530,266.52	1,527,435.01	2,831.51
HUMAN SERVICES	435,930.12	411,560.27	24,369.85
CULTURE AND RECREATION	533,231.34	529,227.72	4,003.62
STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	1,159,702.00	949,085.83	210,616.17
DEBT SERVICE	2,476,642.00	2,462,047.92	14,594.08
INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT	55,844.00	55,844.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>25,584,375.36</b>	<b>25,226,263.99</b>	<b>358,111.37</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>203,957.64</b>	<b>596,264.23</b>	<b>392,306.59</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE 6/30/13 (DEFICIT )</b>	<b>1,684,131.07</b>	<b>1,684,131.07</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCE 6/30/14 (DEFICIT )</b>	<b>1,888,088.71</b>	<b>2,280,395.30</b>	<b>392,306.59</b>

**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS  
REVENUES - DETAIL  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2014**

	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>FAV (UNFAV)</b>
REAL/PERSONAL PROPERTY (NET OVERLAY)			
REAL ESTATE TAXES	19,294,831.02		
REAL ESTATE-2009		1,961.19	
REAL ESTATE-2010		5,521.32	
REAL ESTATE-2011		1,052.33	
REAL ESTATE-2012		1,226.69	
REAL ESTATE-2013		469,181.56	
REAL ESTATE-2014		18,255,312.21	
TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES	19,294,831.02	18,734,255.30	(560,575.72)
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	405,380.78		
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2010		100.51	
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2011		(4,432.46)	
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2012		1,388.38	
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2013		21,886.27	
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2014		374,354.77	
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	405,380.78	393,297.47	(12,083.31)
ABATE & EXEMPTS (BUDGET ONLY)	(152,710.80)		152,710.80
	19,547,501.00	19,127,552.77	(419,948.23)
TAXES TITLE & LIENS			
TAX DEFERRAL C59 S5(41A)		19,926.13	
TAX LIENS REDEEMED		262,128.33	
WATER TAX LIENS		(2,529.14)	
WATER LIEN-TT		2,669.42	
TOTAL TAXES TITLE & LIENS	0.00	282,194.74	282,194.74
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	600,000.00		
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1998		12.19	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2002		107.08	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2003		320.10	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2004		81.25	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2005		79.17	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2006		25.00	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2007		25.00	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2008		202.08	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2009		530.68	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2010		1,408.02	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2011		2,005.77	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2012		15,597.69	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2013		133,431.26	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2014		530,736.95	
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	600,000.00	684,562.24	84,562.24

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	FAV (UNFAV)
OTHER EXCISE	682,535.00		
BOAT EXCISE-2009		15.00	
BOAT EXCISE-2010		15.00	
BOAT EXCISE-2011		79.62	
BOAT EXCISE-2012		286.26	
BOAT EXCISE-2013		620.09	
BOAT EXCISE-2014		6,440.88	
STATE AID-HOTEL/ROOM TAX		405,152.11	
STATE AID MEALS TAX		255,073.35	
TOTAL OTHER EXCISE	682,535.00	667,682.31	(14,852.69)
PENALTY & INTEREST	208,000.00		
PENALTY/INT.-TAX TITLE		70,882.14	
PENALTY/INT - WATER LIENS		308.55	
PEN/INT - WATER TAX TITLE		947.04	
PENALTY/INT-PROPERTY TAX		107,550.11	
PENALTY/INT-EXCISE TAXES		18,608.40	
TOTAL PENALTY & INTEREST	208,000.00	198,296.24	(9,703.76)
TOTAL PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	9,500.00	10,143.29	643.29
TOTAL TRASH STICKERS	211,000.00	222,605.00	11,605.00
FEES	72,000.00		
FEES		76.00	
PHOTOCOPY FEE		3,944.85	
PHOTOCOPY FEE		9.00	
TELE-MEDIA LICENSE FEES		1,539.00	
FEE-BOUNCE CHECKS		300.00	
PHOTOCOPY FEE		25.40	
FILING FEES		195.00	
FILING FEES		5,153.00	
POLICE DETAIL SERVICE CHG		17,197.54	
FIRE INSPECTION FEES		6,070.00	
PHOTOCOPY FEE		17.4	
SMOKE INSPECTION FEE		6,800.00	
OIL BURNER INSPECTION FEE		80.00	
GAS INSPECTION FEE		9,705.00	
WIRING INSPECTION FEE		38,085.00	
PLUMBING INSPECTION FEE		17,915.00	
TANK INSPECTION FEE		6,480.00	
FILING FEES		10,405.00	
PHOTOCOPY FEE		33.50	
TOTAL FEES	72,000.00	124,030.70	52,030.70
RENTALS	85,000.00		
RENTAL/PARKING LOT		5,006.00	
LEASE OF BUS SPACES		3,500.00	
CAMP LEASE		6,000.00	
RENTALS OF SAILING CAMP		70,062.50	
RENTAL/DEPOSIT (SAILING)		775.00	
TOTAL RENTALS	85,000.00	85,343.50	343.50



	BUDGET	ACTUAL	FAV (UNFAV)
TOTAL DEPT. REVENUES - SCHOOL			0.00
TOTAL LIBRARY FINES & FEES	13,000.00	12,213.95	(786.05)
OTHER DEPT. -REVENUES	239,000.00		
MOPED LICENSE FEES		7,160.00	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		4,233.74	
COUNTY PARKING REVENUE		107,828.52	
ASSESSORS DATA LIST		1,710.00	
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS		7,224.24	
MUNICIPAL LIEN CERT		6,175.00	
RMV-NON RENEWAL SURCHARGE		9,060.00	
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS		4,868.51	
TOWN CLERK MISC. RECEIPTS		17,799.20	
PARKING STICKERS		7,200.00	
COPIES OF POLICE REPORTS		698.90	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		2,902.50	
BUILDING INSP. MISC.		25.00	
HOME BUSINESS REG FEES			
MISC. GAS REVENUE		17,076.21	
MISC. REV TOKENS		1,504.00	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		4,882.15	
TOTAL OTHER DEPT. -REVENUES	239,000.00	200,347.97	(38,652.03)
LICENSES & PERMITS	290,000.00		
ALCOHOL LICENSES		94,535.00	
MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES		21,130.00	
FAMILY SHELLFISH PERMITS		4,306.25	
YARD SALE PERMITS		330.00	
COMM. SHELLFISH PERMIT		1,487.50	
TAXICAB PERMITS		8,820.00	
DOG LICENSES		3,505.00	
LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS		2,058.00	
PLUMBING PERMITS		7,140.00	
BUILDING PERMITS		98,640.72	
WIRING PERMITS		22,210.00	
SMOKE DETECTOR PERMITS		2,090.00	
TANK PERMITS		1,470.00	
OIL BURNER PERMITS		20.00	
SIGN PERMITS		270.00	
GAS PERMITS		9,445.00	
SEPTIC HAULERS' LICENSE		1,600.00	
REFUSE HAULERS LICENSE		1,200.00	
SEPTIC INSTALLERS PERMIT		5,250.00	
DESIGN APPLICATION		16,025.00	
FOOD ESTABLISH PERMIT		31,450.00	
PUMP OUT SEPTIC PERMITS		6,800.00	
TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS	290,000.00	339,782.47	49,782.47

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	FAV (UNFAV)
FINES AND FORFEITS	17,000.00		
CIVIL MV INFRACTIONS		4,900.00	
CIVIL MV INFRACTIONS		23,630.00	
TOTAL FINES AND FORFEITS	17,000.00	28,530.00	11,530.00
TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	10,000.00	12,522.99	2,522.99
TOTAL RECURRING -SLIP FEES	849,000.00	886,680.05	37,680.05
STATE AID	946,895.00		
LOSS OF TAXES-STATE LAND		68,584.00	
ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS		12,550.00	
CHARTER SCHOOL		112,848.00	
VETERAN'S BENEFITS		35,987.00	
CHAPTER 70-SCHOOL AID		639,201.00	
UNRESTRICTED GEN GOVT AID		62,968.00	
TOTAL STATE AID	946,895.00	932,138.00	(14,757.00)
TOTAL MSBA SCHOOL CONST.	567,924.00	567,924.00	0.00
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	1,439,978.00		
TRANSFER FROM SPEC. REV.		708,620.00	
TRANSFER FROM ENTERPRISE FUND		686,186.00	
TRANSFER FROM TRUST FUNDS		45,172.00	
TOTAL INTERFUND TRANSFERS	1,439,978.00	1,439,978.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	25,788,333.00	25,822,528.22	34,195.22

**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS**  
**GENERAL FUND - APPROPRIATIONS**  
**AS OF JUNE 30, 2014**

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CARRY FORWARD	ORIGINAL BUDGET	STM. 11/13	TRANSFERS	REVISED BUDGET	EXPENDED	ENC	CONTIN APPRO	TOTAL CARRY FWD.	BALANCE
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>										
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	272,570.82	0.00	4,004.70	276,575.52	276,575.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	2,035.30	127,584.53	0.00	(2,278.86)	127,340.97	127,340.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SEA VIEW AVE RAMPS/ACCESS	13,931.80	0.00			13,931.80	0.00	0.00	13,931.80	13,931.80	0.00
STM08 NO BLUFF/FARM POND	46,200.00	0.00			46,200.00	0.00	0.00	46,200.00	46,200.00	0.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	62,167.10	400,155.35	0.00	1,725.84	464,048.29	403,916.49	0.00	60,131.80	60,131.80	0.00
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>										
TOTAL EXPENSE	962.50	5,002.00	0.00	0.00	5,964.50	4,885.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RESERVE FUND		57,650.00		(39,569.29)	18,080.71	0.00	0.00		0.00	1,078.82
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	962.50	62,652.00	0.00	(39,569.29)	24,045.21	4,885.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,080.71
<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>										
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	125,489.17	0.00	20.88	125,510.05	125,510.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		1,000.00		(20.88)	979.12	503.63	0.00		0.00	475.49
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	0.00	126,489.17	0.00	0.00	126,489.17	126,013.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	475.49
<b>ASSESSOR DEPARTMENT</b>										
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	115,618.65	0.00	(834.32)	114,784.33	114,264.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	519.70
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	7,400.00	0.00	834.32	8,234.32	8,234.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ATM11#4 TRIENNIAL REVALUATION	121.90	0.00			121.90	0.00	0.00	121.90	121.90	0.00
STM 4/12 A7 MAPPING/REVAL	2,775.21	0.00			2,775.21	0.00	0.00	2,775.21	2,775.21	0.00
A8 STM 11/13 REVAL		0.00	39,000.00		39,000.00	0.00	0.00	39,000.00	39,000.00	0.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	2,897.11	123,018.65	39,000.00	0.00	164,915.76	122,498.95	0.00	41,897.11	41,897.11	519.70
<b>TREASURER FIXED P/R COST</b>										
TOTAL EXPENSE	14,470.00	3,387,158.10	0.00	(22,245.00)	3,379,383.10	3,369,382.72	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.38
<b>TREASURER DEPARTMENT</b>										
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	73,431.00	0.00	0.00	73,431.00	72,430.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.52
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	33,906.00	0.00	0.00	33,906.00	29,010.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,895.22
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	0.00	107,337.00	0.00	0.00	107,337.00	101,441.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,895.74
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>										
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	113,268.80	0.00	108.84	113,377.64	113,377.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	14,075.00	0.00	(108.84)	13,966.16	13,799.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	166.40
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	0.00	127,343.80	0.00	0.00	127,343.80	127,177.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	166.40



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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY									0.00	0.00
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	79,071.44	0.00	0.00	79,071.44	79,071.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	236,013.00	0.00	0.00	236,013.00	235,930.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	82.03
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	0.00	315,084.44	0.00	0.00	315,084.44	315,002.41			0.00	82.03
TOWN CLERK									0.00	0.00
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	129,746.67	0.00	(660.89)	129,085.78	108,590.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,495.58
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	2,325.00	0.00	660.89	2,985.89	2,985.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	0.00	132,071.67	0.00	0.00	132,071.67	111,576.09			0.00	20,495.58
BOARD OF REGISTRARS									0.00	0.00
TOTAL SALARY		21,679.00	0.00	0.00	21,679.00	15,552.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,126.38
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,622.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,622.00	4,376.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,245.55
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	1,622.00	25,679.00	0.00	0.00	27,301.00	19,929.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,371.93
CONSERVATION COMMISSION									0.00	0.00
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	64,936.80	0.00	0.00	64,936.80	64,936.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	4,070.00	0.00	0.00	4,070.00	3,953.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	116.38
SHORELINE ENGINEERING	831.51	0.00			831.51	831.51	0.00		0.00	0.00
STM EAST CHOP ENGINEERING	1,699.86	0.00			1,699.86	0.00	0.00	1,699.86	1,699.86	0.00
STM08 ENGINEERING SEAWALL	18,706.69	0.00			18,706.69	6,217.50	0.00	12,489.19	12,489.19	(0.00)
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	21,238.06	69,006.80	0.00	0.00	90,244.86	75,939.43	0.00	14,189.05	14,189.05	116.38
PLANNING BOARD									0.00	0.00
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	5,067.00	0.00	19.89	5,086.89	5,086.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	(19.89)	1,980.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,980.11
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	0.00	7,067.00	0.00	0.00	7,067.00	5,086.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,980.11
BOARD OF SELECTMEN									0.00	0.00
UNCLASSIFIED									0.00	0.00
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	3,209.40	1,163,935.07	0.00	14,702.50	1,181,846.97	1,167,059.16	12,500.00	0.00	12,500.00	2,287.81
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	106,566.17	6,046,998.05	39,000.00	(45,385.95)	6,147,178.27	5,949,909.23	22,500.00	116,217.96	138,717.96	58,551.08
POLICE DEPARTMENT									0.00	0.00
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	1,822,855.58	0.00	14,342.18	1,837,197.76	1,837,197.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	75,500.00	0.00	724.27	76,224.27	76,224.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ATM FY13 A5 BODY ARMOR	12,750.00	0.00			12,750.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	12,750.00

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ATM FY14 A5 VEHICLE REPL.		118,800.00		0.00	118,800.00	116,778.32	0.00		0.00	2,021.68
FIRE DEPARTMENT	12,750.00	2,017,155.58	0.00	15,066.45	2,044,972.03	2,030,200.35		0.00	0.00	14,771.68
TOTAL DEPARTMENT									0.00	0.00
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	138,175.76	0.00	0.00	138,175.76	137,857.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	318.46
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	79,863.00	0.00	0.00	79,863.00	79,296.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	566.35
ATM FY14 A9 FIRE ENGINE LEASE		100,000.00		0.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
A7 STM 11/13 EQUIPMENT REPLACE		0.00	130,000.00		130,000.00	17,400.40	0.00	112,599.60	112,599.60	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	0.00	318,038.76	130,000.00	0.00	448,038.76	234,554.35	0.00	212,599.60	212,599.60	884.81
AMBULANCE SERVICE									0.00	0.00
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	298,122.05	0.00	(4,452.51)	293,669.54	293,669.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	25,500.00	0.00	4,589.30	30,089.30	30,089.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ATM FY13 A5 AMBULANCE BILLING	593.92	0.00			593.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	593.92
ATM FY14 A6 CPR SYSTEM AMBULANCE		14,000.00		0.00	14,000.00	13,094.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	905.75
ATM FY14 A7 RADIOS AMBULANCE		12,000.00		0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ATM FY14 A8 AIR PACKS AMBULANCE		100,000.00		0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	593.92	449,622.05	0.00	136.79	450,352.76	448,853.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,499.67
BUILDING INSPECTOR									0.00	0.00
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	151,884.44	20,096.39	3,527.77	175,508.60	175,508.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	5,500.00	0.00	(3,527.77)	1,972.23	1,972.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	0.00	157,384.44	20,096.39	0.00	177,480.83	177,480.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)
SHELLFISH									0.00	0.00
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	118,928.42	0.00	0.00	118,928.42	118,768.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	160.34
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	48,500.00	0.00	0.00	48,500.00	43,419.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,080.51
ATM FY A8 ESTUARIES STUDY		0.00	28,725.00		28,725.00	28,725.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	0.00	167,428.42	28,725.00	0.00	196,153.42	190,912.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,240.85
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT									0.00	0.00
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	27,160.45	16,700.00	0.00	3,125.00	46,985.45	45,009.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,976.40
ATM11 A28 ISLAND WIDE REV 911	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	30,660.45	21,700.00	0.00	3,125.00	55,485.45	47,509.05	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	4,476.40
MARINA									0.00	0.00
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	189,651.60	0.00	0.00	189,651.60	174,988.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,662.78
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	40,500.00	0.00	0.00	40,500.00	39,052.09	1,094.25	0.00	1,094.25	353.66

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STM 11/11 A5 DREDGING	18,159.96	0.00			18,159.96	18,159.96	0.00		0.00	0.00
STM A8 11/12 HARBOR FUEL FACIL.		0.00		0.00	0.00	(1,392.00)	0.00		0.00	1,392.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	18,159.96	230,151.60	0.00	0.00	248,311.56	230,808.87	1,094.25	0.00	1,094.25	16,408.44
TOTAL PROTECTION / PERSONS & PROP.	62,164.33	3,361,480.85	178,821.39	18,328.24	3,620,794.81	3,360,319.11	1,094.25	216,099.60	217,193.85	43,281.85
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	0.00	6,205,632.55	0.00	0.00	6,205,632.55	6,205,632.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ATM FY14 A4 SUPER OFF DESIGN	0.00	45,172.00	0.00	0.00	45,172.00	0.00	0.00	45,172.00	45,172.00	0.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	0.00	6,250,804.55	0.00	0.00	6,250,804.55	6,205,632.55	0.00	45,172.00	45,172.00	0.00
MVRHS DISTRICT	0.00	3,775,202.35	0.00	0.00	3,775,202.35	3,775,202.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	0.00	3,775,202.35	0.00	0.00	3,775,202.35	3,775,202.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EDUCATION	0.00	10,026,006.90	0.00	0.00	10,026,006.90	9,980,834.90	0.00	45,172.00	45,172.00	0.00
HIGHWAY ADMIN										0.00
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	710,732.92	0.00	3,241.61	713,974.53	713,974.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	3,975.00	756,643.00	0.00	44,755.61	805,373.61	793,820.68	8,721.42	0.00	8,721.42	2,831.51
STM 4/11 OAK GRV CEM. REST	1,228.88	0.00			1,228.88	889.80	0.00	339.08	339.08	0.00
A9 STM 11/13 OAK GROVE IMP		0.00	25,000.00		25,000.00	18,750.00	0.00	6,250.00	6,250.00	0.00
A10 STM11/13 OAK GROVE WATER		0.00	10,000.00		10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
ATM FY 14 A 11OAK GROVE CEMETA.					10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	5,203.88	1,467,375.92	35,000.00	47,997.22	1,565,577.02	1,527,435.01	8,721.42	26,589.08	35,310.50	2,831.51
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	5,203.88	1,467,375.92	35,000.00	47,997.22	1,565,577.02	1,527,435.01	8,721.42	26,589.08	35,310.50	2,831.51
BOARD OF HEALTH										0.00
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	119,960.13	0.00	(21,337.00)	98,623.13	98,622.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.56
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	56,094.00	0.00	(4,996.40)	51,097.60	47,671.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,425.84
STM 4/97 DEP. MONITORING	256.03	0.00			256.03	0.00	0.00	256.03	256.03	0.00
STM A10 BUILDING DEMOLITION	2,194.05	0.00			2,194.05	0.00	0.00	2,194.05	2,194.05	0.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	2,450.08	176,054.13	0.00	(26,333.40)	152,170.81	146,294.33	0.00	2,450.08	2,450.08	3,426.40
COUNCIL ON AGING										0.00
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	143,649.76	0.00	3,706.90	147,356.66	147,356.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	74,089.84	0.00	(3,706.90)	70,382.94	70,382.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	0.00	217,739.60	0.00	0.00	217,739.60	217,739.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VETERANS SERVICES										0.00
OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		500.00		0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	500.00
BENEFIT PAYMENTS		68,000.00		0.00	68,000.00	47,526.34	167.00		167.00	20,306.66
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	0.00	68,500.00	0.00	0.00	68,500.00	47,526.34	167.00	0.00	167.00	20,806.66
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	2,450.08	462,293.73	0.00	(26,333.40)	438,410.41	411,560.27	167.00	2,450.08	2,617.08	24,233.06



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LIBRARY										
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	326,754.34	0.00	83.08	326,837.42	326,837.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	140,765.00	0.00	(83.08)	140,681.92	136,688.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,993.37
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	0.00	467,519.34	0.00	0.00	467,519.34	463,525.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,993.37
ARTS COUNCIL										
OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		1,500.00		0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RECREATION										
TOTAL SALARIES	0.00	54,712.00	0.00	0.00	54,712.00	54,705.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.90
BAND CONCERTS		4,500.00		0.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		5,000.00		0.00	5,000.00	4,996.65	0.00		0.00	3.35
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	0.00	64,212.00	0.00	0.00	64,212.00	64,201.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.25
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	0.00	533,231.34	0.00	0.00	533,231.34	529,227.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,003.62
MATURING DEBT -PRINCIPAL										
TOTAL	0.00	2,024,162.00	0.00	2,995.34	2,027,157.34	2,027,157.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MATURING DEBT -INTEREST	0.00									0.00
TOTAL MATURING DEPT. AND INTEREST	0.00	452,480.00	0.00	(2,995.34)	449,484.66	434,890.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,594.08
	0.00	2,476,642.00	0.00	0.00	2,476,642.00	2,462,047.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,594.08
COUNTY/STATE ASSESSMENTS										
COUNTY/STATE ASSESSMENTS		69,825.00			69,825.00	64,332.83	0.00		0.00	0.00
AIR POLLUTION ASSESS.		3,666.00			3,666.00	3,666.00	0.00		0.00	5,492.17
NON-RENEWAL EXCISE TAX		13,680.00			13,680.00	15,580.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
REG. TRANSIT AUTHORITY		116,640.00			116,640.00	116,640.00	0.00		0.00	(1,900.00)
CHARTER SCHOOL ASSESSMENT		758,728.00			758,728.00	528,926.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
SCHOOL CHOICE ASSESSMENT		197,163.00			197,163.00	219,941.00	0.00		0.00	229,802.00
TOTAL STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS		1,159,702.00			1,159,702.00	949,085.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	(22,778.00)
INTERFUND TRANSFER										210,616.17
TRANSFER TO ENTERPRISE FUND	0.00	0.00	55,844.00	0.00	55,844.00	55,844.00	0.00		0.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	176,384.46	25,533,730.79	308,665.39	(5,393.89)	26,023,386.75	25,226,263.99	32,482.67	406,528.72	439,011.39	358,111.37

**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS**  
**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - SPECIAL REVENUES**  
**JUNE 30, 2014**

	Fund 12 School Lunch	Fund 13 Highway	Fund 14 Reserve for Revolving Fund	Fund 15 Approp	Fund 16 Federal Grants	Fund 17 Community State Grants	Fund 28 Other Special Preservation	Fund 29 Revenue	Combined
<b>ASSETS</b>									
Cash	6,329.03		1,446,549.52	289,725.32	105,657.22	202,112.54	2,851,744.09	160,211.91	5,062,329.63
Petty Cash									-00
Receivables:									-00
Real Estate									-00
Property Taxes									-00
Community Preservation							17,622.52		17,622.52
Tax Title							30,444.18		30,444.18
Deferred Taxes									-00
Motor Vehicle Excise									-00
Boat Excise									-00
Ambulance			1,763,347.38						1,763,347.38
User Charges									-00
Liens added to Taxes									-00
Betterments									-00
Tax Foreclosures									-00
Due from State									-00
Amounts to be provided for LTD									-00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>6,329.03</b>	<b>-00</b>	<b>3,209,896.90</b>	<b>289,725.32</b>	<b>105,657.22</b>	<b>202,112.54</b>	<b>2,899,810.79</b>	<b>160,211.91</b>	<b>6,873,743.71</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>									
<b>Liabilities</b>									
Warrants Payable	8,470.15		15,290.59		4,750.00	7,428.26		3,957.82	39,896.82
Accrued Payroll	3,391.88		28,696.90			9,767.81			41,856.59
Payroll Withholdings									-00
Allowance for Abatements									-00
Deferred Revenue							48,066.70		1,811,414.08
Taxes Paid in Advance							2,577.02		2,577.02
Police Details									-00
Other Liabilities									-00
Bond Anticipation Notes									-00
L/T Debt									-00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>11,862.03</b>	<b>-00</b>	<b>1,807,334.87</b>	<b>-00</b>	<b>4,750.00</b>	<b>17,196.07</b>	<b>50,643.72</b>	<b>3,957.82</b>	<b>1,895,744.51</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>									<b>-00</b>

	Fund 12 School Lunch	Fund 13 Highway	Fund 14 Reserve for Revolving Fund	Fund 15 Approp	Fund 16 Federal Grants	Fund 17 Community State Grants	Fund 28 Other Special Preservation	Fund 29 Revenue	Combined
Reserved for Expenditures							746,664.00		746,664.00
Reserved for Encumbrances & Articles Carried Forward							-00		
Reserved for Open Space							256,786.35		256,786.35
Reserved for Historic Preservation							43,086.59		43,086.59
Reserved for Community Housing							301,677.00		301,677.00
Unreserved for Revenue Deficits							-00		-00
Unreserved for Appropriation Deficits									
Unreserved for Unprovided Abatements & Exemptions							-00		-00
Unreserved and Undesignated/ Retained Earnings									
	(5,533.00)		1,402,562.03	289,725.32	100,907.22	184,916.47	1,500,953.13	156,254.09	3,629,785.26
Total Fund Balance	(5,533.00)	-00	1,402,562.03	289,725.32	100,907.22	184,916.47	2,849,167.07	156,254.09	4,977,999.20
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	6,329.03	-00	3,209,896.90	289,725.32	105,657.22	202,112.54	2,899,810.79	160,211.91	6,873,743.71



**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS**  
**FUND BALANCE - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2014**

ACCOUNT NAME	BALANCE 7/1/13	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE 6/30/14
<b>REVOLVING FUND</b>				
FD BAL- MARINA REPAIRS	2,261.39	7,383.00	3,950.21	5,694.18
FUND BAL- OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS	1,994.40			1,994.40
CONSERVATION CONSULTING	21,000.00		8,000.00	13,000.00
FD BAL-INSURANCE RECOVERY	1,684.84	3,482.45	2,460.95	2,706.34
FD BAL-SHELLFISH FUND	5,744.05	15,987.32	10,450.98	11,280.39
FD BAL-WETLAND PROTECTION	32,760.32	6,566.50	2,737.65	36,589.17
FD BAL-PARKS & RECREATION	4,825.90	28,995.97	25,624.93	8,196.94
F.B.-SALE OF COMPOST BINS	283.11			283.11
F.B.-AMBULANCE SERVICE	785,404.05	2,044,965.63	1,507,552.18	1,322,817.50
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>855,958.06</b>	<b>2,107,380.87</b>	<b>1,560,776.90</b>	<b>1,402,562.03</b>
<b>RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION</b>				
FD BAL-SALE OF CEM.. LOTS	65,070.00	9,000.00	45,000.00	29,070.00
FD BAL-WATERWAY IMPROVE.	38,135.77	48,011.55	500.00	85,647.32
FD BAL-FERRY FEES	242,005.00	121,823.00	188,820.00	175,008.00
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>345,210.77</b>	<b>178,834.55</b>	<b>234,320.00</b>	<b>289,725.32</b>
<b>FEDERAL GRANTS</b>				
JOBS GRANT	-00			0.00
FD BAL-EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY	(702.00)			(702.00)
FD BAL-LOCAL PREPAREDNESS	(12,991.42)			(12,991.42)
FB BAL-BIOTERROR	1,323.39			1,323.39
FD BAL-C.O.P.S.	34,193.19	60,306.51	29,671.20	64,828.50
FD BAL-SMALL CITIES GRANT CDGB	34,860.55	958,192.05	944,603.85	48,448.75
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>56,683.71</b>	<b>1,018,498.56</b>	<b>974,275.05</b>	<b>100,907.22</b>
<b>STATE GRANTS</b>				
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRT	-00	4,530.00	4,530.00	0.00
FD BAL- CIRCUIT BREAKER	(838.73)	48,381.00	36,295.14	11,247.13
FD BAL-BIKE PATH-#7829	27,086.10			27,086.10
FD BAL-LIBRARY INCENTIVE	258.26	2,154.02		2,412.28
FD BAL-LIB. MUN. EQUAL.	2,858.33	317.81		3,176.14
FD BAL-STATE CENSUS	9,503.66	7,685.00	(1,404.13)	18,592.79
FD BAL-ELDERLY PROGRAMS	487.08	8,872.00	8,120.36	1,238.72
FD BAL-DRUG TASK GRANT	74.17	11,605.57	13,679.89	(2,000.15)
FD BAL-STATE BEACH (9604)	4,096.26			4,096.26
FD BAL-N/R OFFSET AWARD	25,155.44	3,826.49		28,981.93
FD BAL-PUMP-OUT BOAT	1,689.49	13,513.78	10,279.41	4,923.86
FD BAL-LIBRARY LSTA GRANT	(0.00)			(0.01)
FD BAL-EOCD-SEPTIC REPAIR	100,866.15	11,095.19		111,961.34
FD BAL-COMMUNITY POLICE	247.20			247.20
FD DARE ROPES COURSE	514.92			514.92
GHSB POLICE GRANT	(2,623.50)			(2,623.50)
SEAWALL REPAIR GRANT	(493.26)			(493.26)
SCHOOL CHOICE FUNDS	148,422.59	253,392.00	378,945.20	22,869.39

ACCOUNT NAME	BALANCE 7/1/13	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE 6/30/14
F/B - EAST CHOP PUDDLE GRANT	(72,990.14)			(72,990.14)
NO SEAWALL GRANT	1,681.09		1,005.62	675.47
F/B FARM POND RESTORATION		25,000.00		25,000.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	245,995.10	390,372.86	451,451.49	184,916.47
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUES				
FEMA FUND	18,026.39		15,631.20	2,395.19
FD-BAL LAGOON POND WATER TEST	245.00			245.00
HISTORICAL COMM. DONATIONS	182.50			182.50
FD BAL-OLD LIBRARY CONVERSION	200.00			200.00
FIRE DEPT. MEMORIAL DONATIONS	1,280.00			1,280.00
FD BAL-COA DONATION	15,095.38	190.00	4,217.90	11,067.48
FD BAL-COA OUTREACH DONATIONS	331.96			331.96
FD BAL-PLANNING BOARD DONATION	20,000.00			20,000.00
FD BAL-O B FESTIVAL FUND	(11,352.71)			(11,352.71)
FD BAL-EMER. MGMT. BOAT DONTNS.	1,381.29	14,725.45		16,106.74
FD BAL-PARK/REC. DONATION	570.80			570.80
FD BAL-SHELLFISH DREDGE	500.00			500.00
FD BAL- SAVE SENGE FUND	4,002.20			4,002.20
FD BAL-LIBRARY DONATIONS	19,554.10	13,088.25	8,613.29	24,029.06
FD BAL-SCH. SCHOLARSHIP	5,043.60	500.00	500.00	5,043.60
FD BAL-HISTORIC FIRE FUND	18,159.60	150.00	450.00	17,859.60
FD BAL-PARKING MITIGATION FUND	8,201.00			8,201.00
FD BAL-NIANTIC PARK	810.00	2,225.00		3,035.00
FD BAL-MV HOSPITAL	(1,046.00)			(1,046.00)
FD BAL-LIBRARY CAMPAIGN	9.60			9.60
FD BAL-PUBLIC RESTROOMS	330.86			330.86
CONSERVATION FUND	529.00			529.00
FB RES - COA COLLABORATIVE	12,917.50	51,670.00	64,587.50	0.00
FB PREMIUM ON BOND	46,503.21		10,300.00	36,203.21
F/B MARINA TOUR. FEES		16,530.00		16,530.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	161,475.28	99,078.70	104,299.89	156,254.09

**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS**  
**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION - APPROPRIATIONS**  
**AS OF JUNE 30,2014**

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CARRY FORWARD	ORIGINAL BUDGET	COLA & STM RESERVE FUND	REVISED BUDGET	EXPENDED	TOTAL CARRY FWD.	BALANCE
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		30,933.00	0.00	30,933.00	27,448.68		3,484.32
BASEBALL FIELDS	135,364.42	0.00	135,364.42	135,364.42	102,569.24	32,795.18	
SHORELINE ENGINEERING	1,701.84	0.00	1,701.84	1,701.84	1,692.69		9.15
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	40,000.00	60,000.00	
EDG. CRTHOUSE REST - WINDOWS	3,873.16	0.00	3,873.16	3,873.16	3,873.16	0.00	0.00
WATERSHED SURV. & DRAINAGE	28,645.97	0.00	28,645.97	28,645.97	(4,714.13)	33,360.10	
ATM 4/11 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TR.	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00	
ATM 4/11 SUNSET LK/LK PARK	44,896.28	0.00	44,896.28	44,896.28	5,893.74	39,002.54	
EAST CHOP BLUFF&RD	21,177.84	0.00	21,177.84	21,177.84	13,641.78	7,536.06	
UN METHODIST CHURCH	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	
MV MUSEUM COLLECTION	23,213.43	0.00	23,213.43	23,213.43	23,213.43	0.00	
RENTAL ASSISTANCE	1,677.00	0.00	1,677.00	1,677.00	0.00		1,677.00
STM 11/12 A 11 NIANTIC PK. DGN.	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00
ATM FY14 ART#14 FARM POND REST		50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	
ATM FY14 ART#14 FARM POND MONI		34,148.00	0.00	34,148.00	5,836.99	28,311.01	
ATM FY14 ART#14 OYSTER BIO REM		49,050.00	0.00	49,050.00	10,296.70	38,753.30	
ATM FY14 ART#14 PRK. REC ASS		15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	5,995.64	9,004.36	
ATM FY14 ART#14 SAI CAMP TRAIL		30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	26,671.72	3,328.28	
ATM FY14 ART#14 OB BIKEWAY CON		50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	14,375.15	35,624.85	
ATM FY14 ART#14 LAG POND WELL#1		10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	
ATM FY14 ART#14 COURT HSE. WIND		15,367.95	0.00	15,367.95	0.00	15,367.95	
ATM FY14 ART#14 COLLECT PRESER.		44,953.00	0.00	44,953.00	27,720.47	17,232.53	
ATM FY14 ART#14 OB PUB REC ARC		45,000.00	0.00	45,000.00	4,795.43	40,204.57	
ATM FY14 ART#14 STAIN GLASS W		32,000.00	0.00	32,000.00	0.00	32,000.00	
ATM FY14 ART#14 RENT ASST.		132,000.00	0.00	132,000.00	122,590.00	9,410.00	
A 3 STM 11/13 NIANTIC PK.		0.00	400,000.00	400,000.00	0.00	400,000.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	601,549.94			1,540,001.89	472,900.69	1,061,930.73	5,170.47



**Town of Oak Bluffs**  
**CAPITAL PROJECTS**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET**  
6/30/2014

	<b>FUND 30 GENERAL</b>	<b>FUND 31 LIBRARY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
CASH	762,198.24	62,706.64	824,904.88
OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES	1,891,296.00		1,891,296.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,653,494.24</b>	<b>62,706.64</b>	<b>2,716,200.88</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>			
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	76,018.30		76,018.30
NOTES PAYABLE	1,891,296.00		1,891,296.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,967,314.30</b>		<b>1,967,314.30</b>
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>686,179.94</b>	<b>62,706.64</b>	<b>748,886.58</b>
 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>2,653,494.24</b>	<b>62,706.64</b>	<b>2,716,200.88</b>

**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS**  
**FUND BALANCE - CAPITAL PROJECTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2014**

ACCOUNT NAME	BALANCE 7/1/13	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE 6/30/14
FD BAL- MARINA REPAIRS	2,261.39	7,383.00	3,950.21	5,694.18
FUND BAL- OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS	1,994.40			1,994.40
CONSERVATION CONSULTING	21,000.00		8,000.00	13,000.00
FD BAL-INSURANCE RECOVERY	1,684.84	3,482.45	2,460.95	2,706.34
FD BAL-SHELLFISH FUND	5,744.05	15,987.32	10,450.98	11,280.39
FD BAL-WETLAND PROTECTION	32,760.32	6,566.50	2,737.65	36,589.17
FD BAL-PARKS & RECREATION	4,825.90	28,995.97	25,624.93	8,196.94
FD BAL-WW PRIMARY CLARIFIER	15,261.32			15,261.32
FD BAL-PUB. WHARF PH III	99,282.74			99,282.74
FD BAL-BULKHEAD RECONST	16,943.93			16,943.93
FD BAL-WASTEWATER PROJECT	-00			0.00
FD BAL- SERGE DREDGING	121,933.05		33,891.53	88,041.52
FB WW FAC IMP	567,193.16	445,673.00	653,695.20	359,170.96
A4 STM 11 12 BUILD REPAIR	181,238.11	239,150.00	175,583.53	244,804.58
A6 STM 11/12 FIRE STATION STUDY		25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
A3 STM4/13 FUEL FACILITY		350,000.00	359,184.46	(9,184.46)
A6 STM 11/13 FIRE STATION PLANS		287,000.00	287,000.00	0.00
A7 STM 11/12 TOWN HALL STUDY		15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
A17 ATM 4/13 HIGHWAY REPAIRS		975,146.00	839,214.62	135,931.38
A16 ATM FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION			264,072.03	(264,072.03)
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	1,001,852.31	2,336,969.00	2,652,641.37	686,179.94
FD BAL.-LIBRARY PROJECT	33,406.64	29,300.00		62,706.64

**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND**  
**JUNE 30, 2014**

<b>ASSETS</b>		
CASH		636,805.78
RECEIVABLES		
TAX TITLE	49,453.53	
USER CHARGES 2012	1,802.44	
USER CHARGES 2013	3,677.48	
USER CHARGES 2014	77,681.96	
LIENS ADDED TO TAXES	38,997.84	
BETTERMENTS	39,316.88	
TOTAL RECEIVABLES		210,930.13
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>847,735.91</u>
<b>LIABILITY AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
<b>LIABILITY</b>		
WARRANTS PAYABLE	27,705.42	
ACCRUED PAYROLL	8,419.73	
DEFERRED REVENUE	210,930.13	
TOTAL LIABILITY		247,055.28
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	309,895.63	
FD BAL-RESERVED FOR EXPENDITURES	277,500.00	
FD BAL-RESERVED FOR ENCUMBRANCE	13,285.00	
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		<u>600,680.63</u>
TOTAL LIABILITY AND FUND BALANCE		<u><u>847,735.91</u></u>



**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS  
WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE  
REVENUES FY 14**

<b>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
USER FEES	745,900.00		
WASTEWATER USER FEES 2012		2,952.28	
WASTEWATER USER FEES 2013		56,294.69	
WASTEWATER USER FEES 2014		629,473.66	
<b>TOTAL USER FEES</b>	<b>745,900.00</b>	<b>688,720.63</b>	<b>(57,179.37)</b>
LIENS	50,791.00		
WASTEWATER LIENS		30,167.84	
WASTE WATER LIEN-TT		21,472.84	
TAX TITLE-SPEC ASSMT. REDEEMED		15,838.43	
<b>TOTAL LIENS</b>	<b>50,791.00</b>	<b>67,479.11</b>	<b>16,688.11</b>
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REV	360,000.00	323,171.40	(36,828.60)
PENALTY/INTEREST	113,000.00		
PENALTY/INTEREST W W. USAGE		11,677.65	
PENALTY/INT -WASTEWATERS LIEN		967.06	
PEN/INT.-WW TAX TITLE - LIENS		3,812.10	
PEN/INT TAX TITLE SPEC ASSMT.		2,357.28	
PENALTY/INTEREST SPEC ASSESS		84,008.51	
<b>TOTAL PENALTY/INTEREST</b>	<b>113,000.00</b>	<b>102,822.60</b>	<b>(10,177.40)</b>
OTHER	115,556.00		
CONNECTIONS		47,753.00	
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND		55,844.00	
TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL PROJECTS FD.		13,477.00	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		2,515.71	
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>115,556.00</b>	<b>119,589.71</b>	<b>4,033.71</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,385,247.00</b>	<b>1,301,783.45</b>	<b>(83,463.55)</b>

**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS**  
**WASTEWATER ENTERPRISES - APPROPRIATIONS**  
**AS OF JUNE 30, 2014**

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CARRY FORWARD	ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	TRANSFERS/ ADJSMTS	REVISED BUDGET	EXPENDED	TOTAL CARRY FWD	BALANCE
ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES		178,024.80	0.00	178,024.80	170,334.48	0.00	7,690.32
FACILITY MANAGER		80,605.00	0.00	80,605.00	80,910.00	0.00	(305.00)
OVERTIME		12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	18,878.43	0.00	(6,878.43)
LONGEVITY PAY		1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL SALARIES		272,429.80	0.00	272,429.80	271,922.91	0.00	506.89
INSURANCE EXPENSE		76,737.00	0.00	76,737.00		0.00	76,737.00
UTILITIES - ELECTRIC		30,038.00	0.00	30,038.00	27,049.00	0.00	2,989.00
PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL		20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	19,839.81	0.00	160.19
COMMUNICATION		35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	29,925.81	0.00	5,074.19
WW SUPPLIES		4,193.00	0.00	4,193.00	4,166.64	0.00	26.36
CHEMICAL SUPPLIES		30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	30,104.93	0.00	(104.93)
OFFICE SUPPLIES		1,674.00	0.00	1,674.00	1,681.31	0.00	(7.31)
GAS/FUEL		11,662.00		11,662.00	10,564.71	0.00	1,097.29
BLDG MAINTENANCE		6,091.00	0.00	6,091.00	6,039.63	0.00	51.37
SLUDGE DISPOSAL		85,000.00		85,000.00	83,091.50	0.00	1,908.50
EQUIPMENT REPAIR		40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	35,413.67	0.00	4,586.33
REPLACE EQUIPMENT		50,000.00		50,000.00	34,533.26	13,285.00	2,181.74
EQUIPMENT RENTAL		2,304.00	0.00	2,304.00	1,879.17	0.00	424.83
TRAVEL EXPENSES		1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,412.14	0.00	87.86
TRAINING & SEMINARS		2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,258.56	0.00	241.44
MEMBERSHIP		400.00		400.00	334.00		66.00
CONTINGENCY		29,532.00	0.00	29,532.00	0.00	0.00	29,532.00
TRANSFERS TO GENERAL FUND		809,990.50	860,456.00	686,186.00	686,186.00	0.00	0.00
ENCUMBRANCE							
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	1,236,621.50	860,456.00	1,112,817.00	974,480.14	13,285.00	125,051.86
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	0.00	1,509,051.30		1,385,246.80	1,246,403.05	13,285.00	125,558.75

**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS**  
**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - TRUST & AGENCY**  
**JUNE 30, 2014**

	<b>FUND 82</b>	<b>FUND 84</b>	<b>FUND 89</b>	
	<b>EXPENDABLE</b>	<b>NON-EXPENDABLE</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>COMBINED</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash	1,162,118.66	15,933.84	(40,364.76)	1,137,687.74
Total Assets	1,162,118.66	15,933.84	(40,364.76)	1,137,687.74
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Police Details			(92,758.37)	(92,758.37)
Other Liabilities				-00
Total Liabilities	-00	-00	(92,758.37)	(92,758.37)
<b>Fund Balance</b>				
Unreserved and Undesignated/Retained Earnings	1,162,118.66	15,933.84	52,393.61	1,230,446.11
Total Fund Balance	1,162,118.66	15,933.84	52,393.61	1,230,446.11
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	1,162,118.66	15,933.84	(40,364.76)	1,137,687.74



**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS**  
**FUND BALANCE -TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNTS**  
**6/30/14**

<b>ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>BALANCE 7/1/13</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>BALANCE 6/30/14</b>
FD BAL- GASB STABILIZATION	203,740.70	433.85		204,174.55
FD BAL-CEM PERPETUAL CARE	3,566.56	10,029.08	10,369.22	3,226.42
FD BAL-SOLID WASTE STAB	101,025.38	101.06		101,126.44
FD BAL-RESIDENT HOME SITE	723.22	5.53		728.75
FD BAL-STABILIZATION FD.	832,347.71	2,155.45	45,172.00	789,331.16
FD BAL-MUNICIPAL BLDG FD.	9,696.29	19.39		9,715.68
FD BAL-A K BARBEY POOR FD	47,822.92	105.75		47,928.67
FD BAL-R. CLARKE POOR FD	6,910.30	15.84		6,926.14
FD BAL-I. NORTON POOR FD	6,895.63	15.83		6,911.46
W/C POLICE	(2,357.14)	2,714.29	8,307.76	(7,950.61)
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>1,210,371.57</b>	<b>15,596.07</b>	<b>63,848.98</b>	<b>1,162,118.66</b>
FD BAL-CEM PERPETUAL CARE	8,933.84			8,933.84
FD BAL-A K BARBEY POOR FD	5,000.00			5,000.00
FD BAL-R. CLARKE POOR FD	1,000.00			1,000.00
FD BAL-I. NORTON POOR FD	1,000.00			1,000.00
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>15,933.84</b>			<b>15,933.84</b>
POLICE PAID DETAILS	(58,580.70)	182,167.50	216,345.17	(92,758.37)
SCHOOL CUSTODIAL	0.00	1,981.50	1,981.50	0.00
SCHOOL-STUDENT ACTIVITIES	22,855.81	75,777.16	80,710.02	17,922.95
FISH & GAME	595.70			595.70
FIREARM PERMITS	19,455.68	13,428.00		32,883.68
ANIMAL CONTROL BOND	200.00			200.00
SCHOOL E RATE	791.28			791.28
SCHOOL KEY DEPOSITS		400.00		400.00
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>43,898.47</b>	<b>91,186.66</b>	<b>82,691.52</b>	<b>52,393.61</b>

## TOWN TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

Hereby submitted is the Town Treasurer's reconciliation of cash for the year ending June 30, 2014:

### INTEREST ACCOUNTS:

BANKS	AMOUNTS
Sovereign	4,306,865.09
Bank North	45,033.31
Century Bank	2,436,545.09
Rockland Trust	3,803.96
UniBank for Savings	2,990,211.01
Edgartown National	16,142.13
Cash on Hand	305.00

**TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS:**

### TRUST ACCOUNTS:

BANKS	NAME OF TRUST	AMOUNTS
Sovereign	Barbey Poor	52,928.67
Sovereign	Clark Poor	7,926.14
Sovereign	Norton Poor	7,911.46
Sovereign	Cemetery	14,559.83
Sovereign	Municipal Building	9,715.68
Sovereign	Resident Homesite	2,771.75
MV Savings	Stabilization	794,473.16
Rockland	GASB 45	204,174.55
Rockland	Solid Land	101,126.47

**10,994,493.30**

Respectfully submitted,

SHARON A. JACKSON  
Treasurer

## TAX COLLECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

Herby by submitted is the Annual Town Report of  
Receivables from the Town Collector for fiscal year 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

CHERYLL SASHIN, CMMC  
Collector of Taxes

2014	REAL ESTATE	CPA	PERSONAL	MV EXCISE	BOAT	WWSAP/AI	UB	UBLIEN	WATER LIEN	TAX LIEN
actual	18,949,100.42	\$465,545.75	\$407,485.25	\$646,060.27	\$12,136.13	\$381,993.79	714277.42	\$29,362.56	\$60,789.70	\$4,650,530.94
comitt								2,466.67		
abate	70,839.81	2,971.90	1,351.06	7,603.75	473.77					3,114.60
adjust	21,464.54	133.56	2,104.11				7,121.50		4,632.44	661,429.31
refund										
paid	18,250,367.57	448,891.35	374,826.59	530,800.21	6,440.88	342,676.91	629473.96	24785.45	50,546.96	2,332,522.3
liened										
BALANCE	606,428.50	13,548.94	29,203.49	107,656.31	5,221.48	39,316.88	77,681.96	7,043.78	5,610.30	1,653,464.68



## FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and the Citizens and Taxpayers of Oak Bluffs:

The Finance and Advisory Committee is a nine-member, elected and unpaid group of interested citizens who have the legal responsibility to review how the town spends its money.

We hope to attract a diverse group of Oak Bluffs residents, in order to best represent the widest spectrum of viewpoints. We are still skewed toward a majority of male retirees, but at the present time the Finance Committee includes two women and at least three members still actively employed.

We try to act in a nonpartisan manner, evaluating the proposed budget that is presented to us in January by our Town Administrator.

The Fincom is supposed to represent "the peoples' view" of the budget, looking out for the best interests of Oak Bluffs residents as a whole. This is easier said than done, as every town has a variety of outlooks among its citizenry and the Finance Committee needs to strike a balance between spending and conserving, short- and the long-term needs, the residential and business communities, and, of course, the year-round and summer residents.

The last six years have seen a major turnaround for Oak Bluffs. In danger of financial instability resulting from the recession of 2008-10, we have weathered that storm by cutting back and acting in a restrained manner, so that as of the close of 2014, we have gotten out of debt and gained appreciable amounts of free cash. This hard work prompted Standard and Poor's to upgrade our bond rating by two steps, so that, for example, we can finance our current infrastructure project, the building of a new Fire House/Emergency Medical Services Building, at very low interest rates. The result will be an important new facility that will be constructed without increasing debt levels over what they have been in recent years.

But the challenges never seem to end. There's an inherent "design flaw" in how budgets are supposed to be crafted. Some years ago a well-meaning state legislature passed Proposition 2 1/2, which limits the annual rise in property taxes to 2 1/2 %. All well and good in theory, in so far as that is supposed to prevent government from spending more than its citizenry can afford.

However, no such limitation has been placed on school spending, or, for that matter, on health care insurance costs. Both of those budget segments have risen dramatically in recent years. And there has been no concurrent increase in aid from the state of Massachusetts. Far from it; Oak Bluffs

pays out more than the state gives to us, so we actually begin our budget-making in deficit.

Last year at this time, we were in the throes of trying to manage a 13% increase in our town's share of school needs, within the constraints of Prop 2 1/2. It was a difficult process and in the end we needed to ask the people of Oak Bluffs to support a small override in order to pay for our entire operating budget. Gaining the cooperation of the citizenry, the override passed and we actually went into FY15 with some excess levy capacity to use for the next year's budget.

Unfortunately for the taxpayers of Oak Bluffs, the combination of low state aid, our obligation to pay for the Charter School, a still-increasing population of school-age children in our town, and state requirements in the field of education that are not financially supported by the state, have put us in a difficult position once again with regard to crafting a balanced budget for FY16 that doesn't ask the people for additional property taxes greater than 2 1/2 %.

We have been meeting with the Island's School Committees, trying to explain the circumstances that are unique to Oak Bluffs- more "affordable" housing, fewer restrictive zoning regulations, and little in the way of payments in lieu of taxes despite being the town with the most non-taxable Island-wide institutions. It's a tightrope, as we have limited resources, yet we all want to provide a full and comprehensive education for our children. We hope for a mutual understanding with the representatives of our schools to help us walk that tightrope successfully.

In addition, we have been speaking with representatives of our state government, trying to make them understand that the formula which provides or denies state aid, largely based on real estate "wealth", is unfair to coastal and other tourist-dependent regions, as the value of one's home does not directly correspond with one's real income.

Finally, we have been looking at what additional revenue-raising possibilities may exist for Oak Bluffs. These include a close examination of town-associated fees, payments in lieu of taxes, paid parking, a more aggressive approach to collecting unpaid property taxes. While none of these approaches is either a panacea, or easy to implement, and any contemplated change always faces determined opposition, we need to at least examine every means at our disposal to ensure our town's financial stability and well-being.

Respectfully submitted,

STEVE AUERBACH, Chair

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and Citizens and Businesses of Oak Bluffs:

It is my honor to submit the annual report for the Police Department. This report will highlight the programs, trainings and initiatives from the 2014 year. Last spring, I was able to finalize with the High School the position of a fulltime School Resource Officer. Sergeant Michael Marchand has been assigned this position and has proven to be an amazing choice to see that this program got started properly and will be sustainable for years. The relationships and trust building has been immeasurable, as well as the peace of mind that our regional high school has protection from any threat. I would like to thank again the all Island School Committee Members, the High School Staff and Dr. Weiss for making this a reality. I was able to rearrange the structure of the Department to better fit the needs and demands of policing for our community. After a thorough and extensive promotional process, I was proud to promote Detective Nicholas Curelli to the rank of Sergeant. Officers James Morse and Jeffrey LaBell were assigned to the Detective's Position. Each officer brings a vast amount of knowledge and experience and has fit perfectly into the roles and assignments for the respective positions.

The year was not unlike previous years with regard to challenges. Even though we were fortunate to have our staff increased by one officer at April Town's meeting we still end up being short staffed most of the time. Officer David Berube has been called to active military duty since October 2013 and will be deployed until October 2015. We had an officer out on medical leave for five months and our student officer will graduate February 2015. These situations have left the Department shorthanded for most of 2014 and we relied heavily on special officers, overtime and changing of schedules. Your officers did an amazing job of maintaining the highest levels of professionalism and dedication while dealing with these shortfalls.

This year we will have our fourth onsite assessment by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission; we have been a State Certified Department since January of 2003. To achieve this level, we must adhere to and have policies and procedures that cover 147 standards; these standards cover the most liable aspects of policing. They include everything from use of force, pursuit, arrest, evidence and property control to name a few examples of

the standards. We welcome these assessments by an independent outside agency to ensure we are operating under the best practices of policing. I want to thank Lieutenant Timothy Williamson, Sergeant Michael Marchand and Officer Christopher Wiggin for their hard work on this vital departmental program.

This past year we were able to revive our citizens' police academy. In collaboration with the Edgartown Police Department we held a series of classes at both police stations. Detective James Morse and Officer Ryan Ruley, Edgartown Police, spearheaded this program and helped make it a success. This program allowed citizens an opportunity to get an inside look at their police department and learn the essential job functions of a police officer and why we do it. Topics included criminal and constitutional law, arrests, operating under the influence, motor vehicle stops, handling of juveniles and individual department's rules and regulations. The feedback was positive and the participants gleaned vast knowledge about policing and the men and woman who serve the communities. We will be announcing soon when the next class begins.

Thank you again for the continued support of your police department. We strive every day to uphold our Core Values- Service-Integrity & Professionalism.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIK G. BLAKE  
Chief

### School Resource Officer

Sergeant Michael Marchand was selected to be the School Resource Officer (SRO) at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS). The MVRHS and the Oak Bluffs Police Department signed a memorandum of understanding last spring, creating a full-time SRO position for a minimum of three years. The SRO position is funded by the MVRHS.

Sergeant Marchand works at the MVRHS from 7:00-3:00 daily while school is in session. During school breaks and during the summer months, Sergeant Marchand will work regular duty shifts at the police department.

Sergeant Marchand's duties include: maintaining security at the high school, investigating criminal activity, making presentations to students and faculty, guest lecturer



in academic classes, maintain relations with students and families, assist the school with lockdown procedures and other emergency related plans, attend youth task force meetings, and attend MVRHS safety committee meetings.

The MV Youth Task Force recently purchased a confidential text a tip software package from Citizen Observer. Sergeant Marchand worked with MVRHS staff to implement the Tip411 program. Tip411 allows a MVRHS student to send an anonymous tip to the SRO, vice principals and members of the guidance staff. Students are asked to send confidential tips for safety or crime concerns, substance abuse and bullying. So far, the Tip411 program is a success.

Sergeant Marchand will continue to work with members of the MVRHS staff to ensure the students and faculty are safe and the environment is conducive to learning.

#### **Animal Control Officer**

Animal Control Officer (ACO), Anthony BenDavid has responded to 240 calls for service in 2014; these calls have primarily included Missing or Loose Dogs, Restrained Dogs, and Missing and Restrained Cats. Anthony is also appointed as Animal Inspector and has inspected 15 farms for the 2014 year. As Animal Inspector, he has the authorization to quarantine dogs and cats as necessary.

A partnership with Animal Health Care, West Tisbury, was formed for all restrained dogs and cats to be brought and cared for when unable to contact their owner (s). Before an animal is released, the owner has to be in contact with Anthony to insure that the animal is properly vaccinated and licensed. If a dog is unclaimed after 10 days, the dog will be brought to the Animal Shelter of Martha's Vineyard, Edgartown, to be adopted out. A cat will be brought to the Animal Shelter of Martha's Vineyard, immediately whose owner is unknown to be adopted out.

#### **The ACO is responsible for the following calls while on duty:**

1. Domesticated animals that are in distress, causing disturbances or deceased.
2. Any animal related issue that poses a potential public safety hazard.
3. Complaints of animal attacks.
4. Injured or deceased domestic animals.
5. Animal Cruelty.
6. Loose or lost dogs.
7. Restrained dogs or cats.

#### **The ACO is responsible for the following calls while not on duty:**

1. Injured or deceased domesticated animals.
2. Calls from the Oak Bluffs Police for emergency assistance.

3. Domestic or wild animals that are causing an immediate health or safety risk to people, domestic animals or livestock.
4. Animal cruelty complaints.
5. Loose dogs that are restrained by the caller.

#### **Categories of Emergency vs. Non-Emergency calls:**

When a complaint involving animals is reported to the communications center or the Oak Bluffs Police Department, Oak Bluffs Police personnel will ascertain if it is an emergency or non-emergency incident.

#### **Examples of calls defined as an EMERGENCY:**

An animal bite, a mauling of a human in progress, a seriously injured animal, animals attacking each other or animals in the flow of vehicle or pedestrian traffic that pose an imminent public safety hazard.

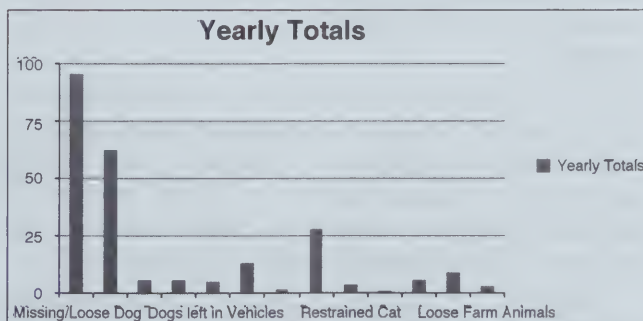
#### **Calls that will be defined as NON-EMERGENCY:**

A routine call for service, to make a report or to obtain information regarding animal licensing

#### **Examples of NON-EMERGENCY calls would include:**

1. A barking dog complaint.
2. A dog running loose.
3. A lost animal.
4. Town by-law violations.
5. Deceased wildlife animals on public roadways.
6. Unwanted pets.
7. Nuisance complaints.

Calls for Service	Yearly Totals
Missing/Loose Dog	95
Restrained Dog	62
Injured Dog	6
Barking Dog Complaint	6
Dogs left in Vehicles	5
Dog Bites	13
Vicious Dog Complaints	2
Missing Cat	28
Restrained Cat	4
Cat Bites/Scratches	1
Injured Cat	6
Deceased Domestic	9
Loose Farm Animals	3
Yearly totals	240





If you need to contact Anthony, you can reach him at 508-560-9127. You can call the Communication Center at 508-693-1212 or at the Police Department 508-693-0750. His email address is [abendavid@oakbluffsma.gov](mailto:abendavid@oakbluffsma.gov).

### **Patrol Boat Summary**

The Patrol Boat “Red, White & Blue”, operations are under the command of Detective Jeffrey LaBell, continued normal operations during the summer of 2014.

There were 9 calls for service logged in 2014. One of the calls for service involved Oak Bluffs emergency personnel rushing to the aid of a charter fishing vessel in Nantucket Sound on July 1, 2014. The fishing vessel had a passenger onboard who was suffering from a life threatening medical emergency. Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services personnel responded in the Patrol Boat and safely extracted the patient from the fishing vessel to the Patrol Boat, and transported them to shore to a waiting Oak Bluffs Ambulance.

10 Patrol Boat trainings were logged for 2014 which included basic patrol boat operations, night navigation operations and search & rescue operations.

The Patrol Boat was deployed for several special events including the Oak Bluffs and Edgartown Fireworks. The boat was also deployed during July 4th weekend for harbor patrols, while the harbor was at capacity with hundreds of recreational boaters.

The Patrol Boat was hauled from the water for its annual maintenance in the fall of 2014. The hull was cleaned, it received a fresh coat of bottom paint, the zincs were replaced and the water jets were serviced.

### **Tactical Response Team**

In the fall of 2006, The Martha’s Vineyard Law Enforcement Council, comprised of the island’s police chiefs, Sheriff McCormack and Lt. Moore, Massachusetts State Police, unanimously voted to create a regional Tactical Response Team (T.R.T.) to respond to critical incidents in support of the island’s patrol force.

The goal of the T.R.T is to assist member departments in the containment, de-escalation and ultimate control of critical incidents that exceed the capabilities of standard police resources, thus increasing the likelihood of a safe resolution.

In order to be considered for assignment for the T.R.T., officers must go through an extensive application process, maintain high levels of proficiency with firearms and physical fitness and have the ability to work seamlessly with team members. Officers also must have the support of their Chief and other T.R.T officers.

The Team continues to maintain the national training standard for these types of specialized units, training a

minimum of 8 hours a month and an additional 40 hours of specialized training a year. The Team also trains with other Tactical teams from Massachusetts to build interoperability skills that have been utilized in large scale incidents such as the Boston Marathon Bombing. Officers on the Team do not get paid overtime for their training time.

The Team is also interested in training opportunities and frequently trains in houses slated for destruction or full rehabilitation. If you are aware of any such properties in the future, please contact team commander, Lt. Timothy Williamson at the Oak Bluffs Police Department.

In 2014, T.R.T. officers provided support to the United States Secret Service for President Obama and family visit. T.R.T officers have supported the United States Secret Service in different capacities with each Presidential visit.

### **Drug Task Force**

There are five Oak Bluffs Police Officers that are members of the Martha’s Vineyard Drug Task Force. In 2014, the Task Force worked with the Cape Cod Drug Task Force, Massachusetts State Police Detective Units, Falmouth Police Department, Worcester Police Department, Bristol County Drug Task Force, DEA, FBI, US Postal Inspectors, National Drug Intelligence Center, Boston Police Department, New England State Police Information Network and many other local and state police departments. Arrests resulting from Task Force investigations led to convictions in the Edgartown District and Superior Courts. Task Force officers also assisted several people seeking help for their substance abuse. The majority of drug activity on Martha’s Vineyard occurs in Oak Bluffs. Officers have diligently worked to combat this, despite a lack of funding. This lack of funding has greatly reduced man hours dedicated to drug investigations. Task Force Officers also provide advice to medical professionals in the methods utilized by drug addicts who attempt to fraudulently obtain prescription medication.

Heroin and opiate based prescription continue to be the most prevalent abused drugs on Martha’s Vineyard and in Massachusetts. Officers have also seen a marked increase in the use of synthetic drugs such as “Molly” and “Ecstasy”. These drugs contain many different chemical ingredients that are mixed in clandestine laboratories, similar to methamphetamine. Ingestion has led to several hospitalizations on Martha’s Vineyard. Trends have shown that the users of these drugs are primarily young people in their teens and 20’s. Task Force officers investigated several fatal and non-fatal Heroin overdoses.

Officers also are trained to utilize the Prescription Monitoring Program. This program allows narcotics investigators to track prescription medication that is prescribed and then diverted to the illicit drug market. This is a valuable resource and facilitates reduction of diverted

medication through cooperation between narcotics investigators and medical professionals.

The MVDTF also properly disposed of thousands of unwanted medications that were turned into local police departments.

Martha's Vineyard Drug Task Force activity for 2014 includes the following statistics:

Search Warrants: 26

Arrests for Drug Violations: 42

US Currency Seized Pursuant to Drug Violations: \$9,120

Approximate Drug Seizures:

38 grams of heroin

67 grams cocaine

5 grams Molly (synthetic club drug)

338 pills- including but not limited to: Oxycontin, Percocet, Morphine, Suboxone, Xanax, Tramadol, Methadone, Adderrall, Valium, MDMA (ecstasy)

### **CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY**

Officer Damien Harris and Officer Jermaine Mendez attended the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program. The program is affiliated with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and sponsored by State Farm Insurance.

Officer Harris and Officer Mendez are both Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Officer Harris has been certified for three years and Officer Mendez has been

certified for seven years. Each officer has two designated time slots weekly when citizens of Oak Bluffs can come to the police department to get hands on training on how to properly install an infant, convertible or booster car seat in their vehicles.

This training provides parents the education, skills and confidence to properly install a child safety seat. Statistically, 7 out of 10 car seats are installed improperly. In 2014 over 85 car seats were checked by the officers.

The Oak Bluffs Police Department continues to partner with the Martha's Vineyard Hospital in our CPS efforts. The police department continues to assist the MVH maternity unit with installing infant car seats for new parents. This partnership has been in existence for eight years.

### **TRAINING**

Members of the Oak Bluffs Police Department attended annual in-service training in 2014.

All patrol officers completed the Municipal Police Training Council in-service training. The instruction included Defensive Tactics, First Responder, Legal Updates, Mental Illness, and Domestic Violence.

Lt. Williamson and Sergeants Michael Marchand, Steven Conley and Nicholas Curelli attended Southeast Command Series Training in Plymouth MA. Topics included: Legal Issues, Defensive Tactics, Mental Illness and Domestic Violence.



## FIRE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

It is my pleasure to present the 2014 annual report of  
the Oak Bluffs FIRE-EMS Department.



### New FIRE-EMS Station

2014 was an incredible year for the Oak Bluffs FIRE-EMS Department! In April 2014, a much needed new FIRE-EMS station was approved by the town. By November of 2014, the old building was in the midst of being demolished as the ground was broken for the next phase!

The original structure served our community for over thirty years. Although multiple additions were erected throughout the years to help house staff and equipment, the structure became inefficient in handling the growth of our department.

Our new station allows our Firefighters and EMS staff to continue to move forward with education and training. The new building will have the many necessary tools and space that is critical as we move forward with the ultimate goal of safeguarding our community.

The new station will accommodate for the following:

- Proper Office & Apparatus space
- Adequate space for medical supplies
- Medical treatment area for the public
- Additional space for meetings, training and drills to educate staff and members of the public.
- Our new station will include space to house an Emergency Management Operation that will include a Dispatch and Command center. We will have a fully-functional Public Safety Facility that is ready to respond to all the needs of the Oak Bluffs community from one central location. The station will also provide as a shelter to the public in need of assistance during times of extreme emergencies.



**Ground Breaking Ceremony  
November 2014**

### Integration of FIRE and EMS

We are pleased to continue our service that represents a combined effort of career employees and volunteers who respond to emergency Fire and EMS incidents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Having a combination FIRE and EMS department has been a goal for some time. Although the two have always operated under the same roof, they remained segregated until 2014.

Because both Firefighters and EMS staff continue to share the ultimate goal of safeguarding our community, we are extremely excited to have joined forces and work together as one full functioning department.



Many of our full staff members have been firefighters for some time now. We are working toward having all full time EMS staff acting as both EMS and Firefighter responders.





Paramedic Lindsay Hopkins trains to become a firefighter

Having fully trained full time Paramedic's as fire fighters will allow them to respond to the less complex fire calls without the assistance of our volunteer firefighters. Because most of our firefighters are volunteers, we are now able to lessen the time asked of our volunteers that is spent on non-emergent calls.

We currently have three full time Paramedic's in firefighting 1 training; Lindsay Hopkins, Traci Monteith and Krystle Rose will complete their course and will be become firefighters by July of 2015!

### **Training and Education - FIRE**

Also completing Firefighting 1 training; Brian Hall, Sean Nelson, David Smith and Eric Voshell. Firefighter 1 is a 160 hour introduction course which teaches the behaviors and characteristics of fire and techniques firefighters use to battle and extinguish fire. I'd like to thank all for their dedication and willingness to serve others and hard work!

Deputy Chief Shawn Broadley along with 6 other department members completed 24 hours of HAZMAT training. The course is to educate firefighters about the basic defensive strategies to protect their health and safety when their work involves potential exposure to hazard materials. The program included hands – on exercises and classroom lectures. Topics in this course range from analyzing hazardous materials and incidents to planning and implementing a planned response to protect the public in emergencies involving hazardous materials.

Future FIRE training will include "Cross Training" among our Firefighters. This training is designed for department members to familiarize themselves with ALL apparatus in the department. This will allow for all members to be well versed with all equipment used to protect our community.

### **Training and Education - EMS**



### **Urgent Care Course for Paramedic's**

This course is designed to prepare paramedics to provide advanced critical care to patients leading to and during inter- facility transports. The Urgent Care Course is a 60 hour class that focuses on performing advanced clinical patient assessments and provides invasive care beyond the standard scope of advanced pre-hospital care. This course also prepares and instructs paramedics to perform the skills necessary in extreme situations and in confined spaces.

Because of our geographical location, we are often confronted with unique modes of patient transport such as the US Coast Guard. It is imperative to have fully trained Paramedics who are fully trained at this advanced level. I am proud of our paramedic's willingness to go above and beyond in extreme situations to make a difference in a patient's life.

### **New full time staff Members**

Congratulations to Lindsay Hopkins and Chris Collins who both completed their sponsored Paramedic training program. The Paramedic program course takes a tremendous commitment; the course consists of 450 hours of class room participation, 250 hours of ride time and over 400 hours of clinical study. I applaud Lindsay and Chris for their efforts and accomplishments. Kevin Kilduff of Situate MA also joins us as a full time Paramedic. I welcome all three to the department and look forward to working together as a team.

Paramedic Matt Bradley remains active with the Island wide Tactical Response team. Several years ago, an Island wide tactical response team was established to handle critical incidents that surpass the capabilities of standard emergency response.

### **CPR and First Responder training**

We look forward to utilizing the additional space in our new station so that we may continue to teach CPR and First Responder courses. Paramedic Trulayna Rose has been praised for her excellent instruction of CPR and First Responder classes. We provide courses to the public, Fire and Police Departments Island wide as well as day care providers and local business owners and their staff.

### **Exciting and Educational Drill**

Downtown Oak Bluffs is particularly vulnerable to major fire events. Its older wooden buildings are positioned close together with little or no separation between them. In mid-summer, streets are full of people and vehicles, further complicating the staging of emergency vehicles and apparatus.



Our department was granted an extremely rare opportunity to perform a mutual aid drill at a downtown establishment on Circuit Ave. While under construction, the owners of the Lampost graciously volunteered the use of the building for a three town exercise. A smoke machine was used to simulate a fire. The drill began after a page went out to Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians. The three town operation was a great success including the rescue of hidden mannequins and "trapped firefighters" inside the building! I want to thank the over 60 volunteers who participated in this exciting and extremely educational drill.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY REMINDERS**

#### **BE SAFE ! BE AWARE ! BE PROTECTED!**

**Make sure your smoke alarms are installed properly  
and TEST THEM MONTHLY!!**

#### **SECONDS COUNT IN AN EMERGENCY**

**Protect your family and property by having large house  
numbers that are visible from the street. Emergency  
personnel will find you faster when your home is  
properly marked.**

**The Oak Bluffs FIRE and  
Emergency Medical Service Department  
is dedicated to safeguarding our community  
through the preservation  
of life, property and the environment.**

**We strive to meet our  
challenges with compassion,  
professionalism and integrity.**

### **Long Awaited Chief's Retirement Party!**

We were so pleased to finally have the opportunity to honor 5 individuals that combined between them have over 130 years of dedicated service to the Oak Bluffs Fire department. All the individuals honored were leaders within the department and all honorees were instrumental to keeping the department moving forward. Without their constant dedication and service, the department would not be where it is today!



Shown above, Deputy Chief Broadley,  
Fire- EMS Chief John Rose  
and Assistant Chief Manuel Rose presented retirement  
plaques to the honorees.

Retired members honored;

Captain Allan "Buddy" Debettencourt Sr.  
56 years retired Captain Ladder Company

James Mories Sr.  
36 years Retired Deputy Chief Engine 3 Company

Bruce O'Donnell  
28 years retired Assistant Chief, Captain Rescue Company

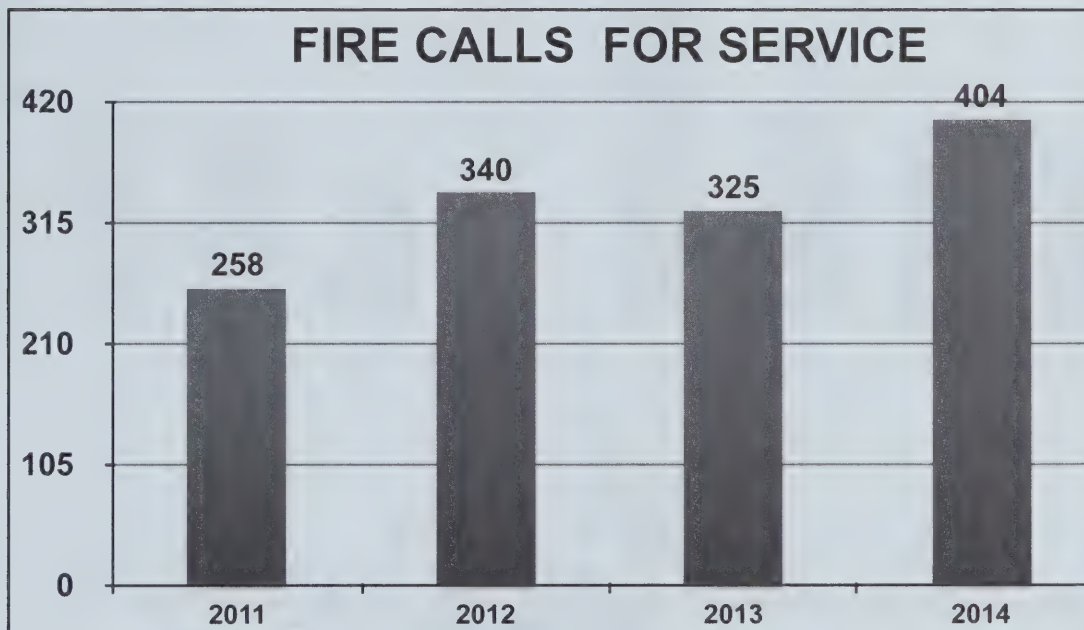
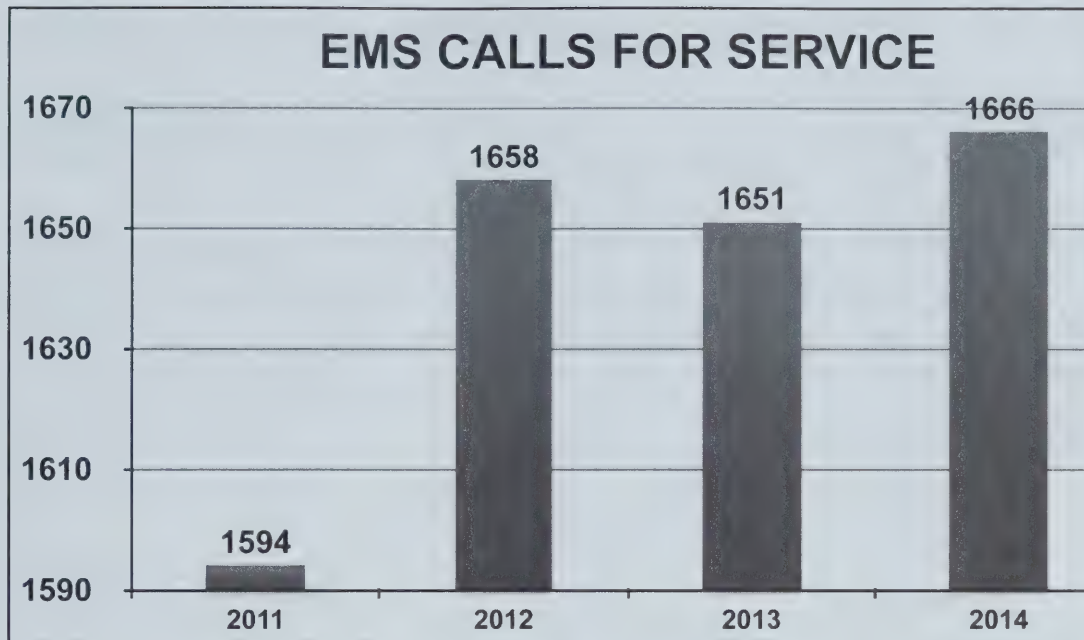
Gilbert "Pete" Forend  
29 years, retired Fire Chief, Captain Rescue Company

Anthony Ferreria  
35 years, retired Deputy Chief.

I thank all for their tremendous sacrifices made over  
the years in order to keep our department strong!

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief JOHN ROSE







## BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

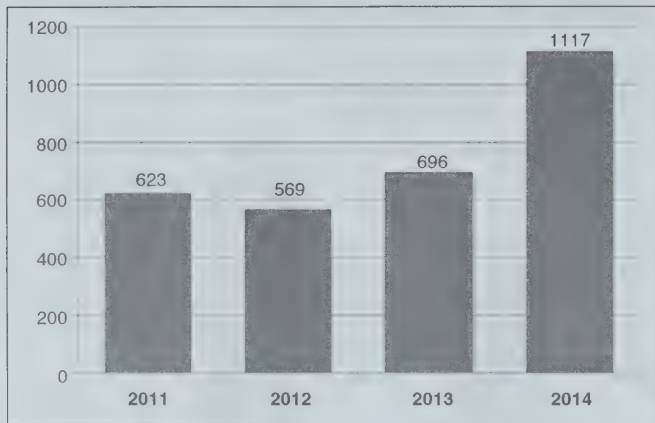
2014 saw big changes in the Oak Bluffs Building Department! A transition of staff with the retirement of James Dunn and the temporary appointment of Ernie Mendenhall, provided an opportune environment for making a few changes. These included my appointment as Building Inspector, and the appointment of Colleen Morris to full time Building and ZBA Clerk. The latter being a necessary step to manage the work load, which has increased significantly over the last few years.

A four year comparison of permit data revealed strong growth in the construction industry, which reflects the overall growth in real estate values in Oak Bluffs.

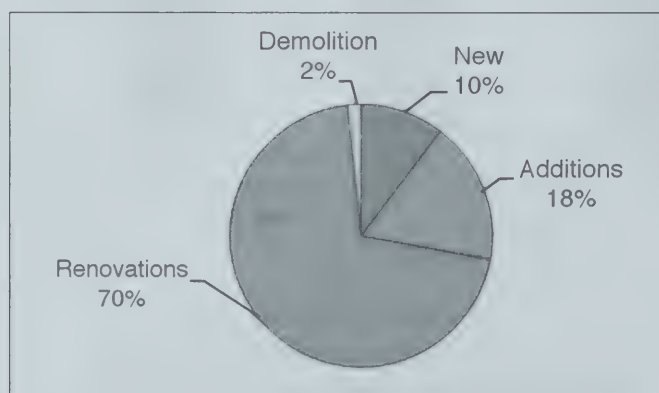
Key statistics:

- ✓ 30% increase in new house permits since 2013
- ✓ 60% increase in the number of building permits issued across the board since 2013
- ✓ 100% revenue increase since 2011

**Permits Issued**



**Revenue Generated**



**Permits Issued By Type**

The changes that were made in 2014 will promote the overall goals of the Building Department, which are:

To increase the communication and integration between the Building Department and the various land use boards and committees, in order to improve regulatory

compliance while providing a professional and timely process for applicants.

To create an easier, better streamlined process for permit applications, thereby increasing customer satisfaction and making the best use of resources.

2014				
SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$22,017.00	Total of permits	23
SINGLE FAMILY ADDIT/ALTERATION	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$21,960.00	Total of permits	53
MULTI FAMILY ADDIT/ALTERATION	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$350.00	Total of permits	1
NEW COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$3,780.00	Total of permits	3
COMMERCIAL ADDITION/ALTERATION	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$901.80	Total of permits	5
ACCESSORY STRUCTURE	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$3,307.50	Total of permits	11
Misc BP	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$3,040.00	Total of permits	5
MINOR STRUCTURAL	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$9,150.00	Total of permits	64
Tent	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$1,225.00	Total of permits	11
RES. SWIMMING POOL	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$600.00	Total of permits	4
SHEET METAL PERMIT	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$225.00	Total of permits	2
DEMOLITION	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$2,250.00	Total of permits	6
TRENCH ONLY	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$1,950.00	Total of permits	6
SOLID FUEL BURNING APPLIANCE	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$150.00	Total of permits	1
SIGN PERMIT	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$150.00	Total of permits	1
EXPRESS PERMIT	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$13,475.00	Total of permits	183
COMMERCIAL WIRING PERMIT	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$11,570.00	Total of permits	310
RESIDENTIAL WIRING PERMIT	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$12,165.00	Total of permits	166
RESIDENTIAL GAS PERMIT	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$8,190.00	Total of permits	130
COMMERCIAL GAS PERMIT	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$1,000.00	Total of permits	11
RESIDENTIAL PLUMBING PERMIT	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$6,245.00	Total of permits	96
COMMERCIAL PLUMBING PERMIT	FEE TOTAL TO DATE	\$3,215.00	Total of permits	25
		\$126,916.41		
	with certificates	\$126,951.41		

#### Looking forward to 2015:

We continue to build on the progress made in 2014, and the focus remains on implementing points 1 and 2 as listed above.

This will be accomplished through the following initiatives:

- A renewed focus on zoning enforcement that integrates with planning and building within the Town.
- Building on the periodic safety inspections for commercial buildings (in partnership with OB Fire and the Board of Health)

- The implementation of an E-Permitting system to streamline the permit application process
- ✓ Begin the implementation of digital records.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK BARBADORO  
Building Inspector

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

It is my pleasure to submit to you the annual report for 2014 for the Oak Bluffs Highway Department.

The Highway Department is charged with construction, maintenance, upgrading and repair of Town streets and buildings, along with the collection and removal of garbage and snow removal when necessary.

The Department is run by Superintendent Richard Combra, Jr, with the assistance of Foreman Chris Gibson and Office Administrator Nicole L Morey. There are four year-round Heavy Motor Equipment Operators; they are James Tripp, Raymond Oliver, Ken O'Connor and James Moreis Jr, and two full time year round laborers; Evan Rogers and June Ferreira at the LDO. There are two part time custodians; McKinley Starks and Ray Moreis Jr, who cleans the Library. The Cemetery laborer position was filled by Luis Gonsalves.

The Highway Department hires additional laborers during the summer months to assist with the daily cleaning of Circuit Avenue, Ocean Park and around Town. This summer we hired additional cleaners to maintain the Kennebec and Sea View bathrooms during peak hours of use. For this coming summer season, the Department has requested additional money in the budget to cover hire staff to pick up trash on Circuit Avenue, Sea View Avenue and around the Harbor.

County Road was repaved from Bellevue Avenue to the Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road; the lines were re-done using thermoplastic material which should last longer than regular traffic paint. Portions of School Street and Chickawauke Avenue were also repaved. Drainage projects were completed on Circuit Avenue and at Barnes Road and Alpine Avenue. The Department continues to grade non-accepted dirt roads in Town when weather allows and funding is available.

Maintenance of Town streets includes sweeping Circuit Avenue daily during the summer months, plowing during heavy snow accumulation, clearing streets and bike paths of sand that accumulates on them over the winter. The Department trimmed vegetation along Eastville Avenue and we hope to continue in other areas around Town. It was a very cold winter and the snow plows and sanders were very busy from January to March.

Highway Department personnel continue to pick up roadside debris; we ask that residents and visitors alike refrain from throwing anything out of the vehicles. There is a Board of Health regulation (Section 18. Disposal of Household Debris on Town Property) that allows only trash left for weekly pick-up is to be placed town property.

All large items such as sofas and TV sets should be taken to the transfer station.

The Highway Department buys the supplies for cleaning and maintaining all Town buildings and pays for any repairs needed except for at the Oak Bluffs School.

The Highway personnel continue with the maintenance of all Town park areas as well as cleanup after the Harbor Festival, Illumination and Fireworks Nights.

The Department keeps one employee at the Town Local Drop-Off (LDO) year round, where residents can bring their trash, newspapers, cardboard, co-mingled recyclables and yard cuttings and leaves. We collect and dispose of solid waste from Town buildings, trash barrels placed throughout the downtown area, the dumpsters along the harbor for boaters and household barrels left at curbside.

We are also responsible with removing dead animals and other health hazards from Town roads. If it is a wild animal (squirrel, skunk, raccoon, etc) please call the Highway Department office at 508-693-0072. If you have lost your pet or find any dead domestic animals in a public place, please call the Oak Bluffs Police Department at 508-693-0750.

The Town of Oak Bluffs generated 812.68 tons of solid waste during 2014 which was a decrease of 3% from 2013, and we recycled the following:

Co-mingled .....	130.82 tons
Newspapers .....	70.69 tons
Cardboard .....	62.15 tons

Newspaper and co-mingled recycling decreased from the previous year but cardboard recycling increased; overall recycling decreased by 8% from the previous year.

Household garbage stickers are sold at the LDO ("The Dump") and certain markets around Town. Vehicle stickers for LDO access can only be purchased at the LDO on Pennsylvania Avenue.

In 2014, \$207,145.00 was turned over to the Treasurer's office; \$175,125.00 in rubbish sticker sales, \$16,500.00 in \$25 vehicle permits, \$13,220.00 in \$10 permits and \$2,300.00 in brush loads.

Revenues generated by the Highway Department in 2014:

• Sale of Cemetery Lots .....	\$5,500.00
• Gas Revenue .....	\$16,614.55
• Snow Removal Contract (3) .....	\$5,000.00
• Shower Tokens .....	\$1,765.00

In September the Department began preparing for the move of the Fire Department vehicles as well as ambulances into the Robert E Rose Town Garage while



their new station is being built. Highway personnel also assisted in moving their administrative offices into their temporary location at 133 Wing Road. If all goes according to plan, they should be in their new building in late 2015.

The Highway Department personnel decorate all the lamp posts along Circuit Avenue with garlands supplied by the Friends of Oak Bluffs. They put up the holiday lights on the lamp posts in Ocean Park, the Police Station, on the information booth and in Post Office Square Mall. They also set-up and decorate the tree in the Mall for the annual tree lighting ceremony as well as the tree in the Ocean Park Bandstand.

This year we added wreaths with LED lights to the Police Station, Council on Aging building and the Town Hall. The Town provided shop keepers along Circuit

Avenue with white lights to decorate the trees in front of their establishments. We also purchased colored LED lights for Crossland Landscape to use in their annual holiday display in Ocean Park.

We would again like to thank Crossland Landscape for all the hard work he does for the Town. As well as Jardin Mahoney for the beautiful Post Office Square Christmas tree.

And I would also like to thank all other Town departments for their cooperation and the employees of the Highway Department for their dedication and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD COMBRA, JR.  
Highway Superintendent

## WASTEWATER COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

Our busiest day at the treatment plant was on August 6, 2014 where we processed and treated 221,880 gallons of wastewater. Our average daily flow for the summer months of June, July and August 2014 was 146,890 gallons per day. Our average for the same period in 2013 was 150,081 gallons per day. The total number of treated gallons of wastewater for 2014 was 30 million gallons while the total number of gallons treated in 2013 was 30.3 million gallons.

MONTH	DAILY AVERAGE
January	43,812
February	42,635
March	43,593
April	55,108
May	81,854
June	114,469
July	159,089
August	167,114
September	106,003
October	73,388
November	46,792
December	47,856

The treatment plant opened April 1, 2002 with a customer base of 503 customers and has grown to a customer base of 698 now. The highest flow in 2002 was 152,949 gallons. The total number of treated gallons that year was 15 million gallons.

The department again asks for everyone's help with the removal of fat, oil and grease from the collection system. We ask that residents put these items into containers and into the trash rather than pouring them down the drain. Please note that doing this will add many years to your septic system and will help alleviate operational and odor problems at the treatment facility. We would also like to remind everyone that during power outages the grinder pumps will not run and that you should refrain from using water as much as possible.

This year we completed the construction of a new effluent pump station for the effluent sand beds, and submitted to the State for a new discharge permit. The computer software at the treatment plant was upgraded

with a SCADA system (a computer system that monitors and controls the system and allows remote access) and other plant improvements to finish out the USDA grant. We are working towards completing a plant optimization study which will result in recommendations to optimize the current treatment plant capacity. The department is also in the process of developing plans for the future expansion of both the treatment facility and the sewer areas, prioritizing locations that include the Lagoon and the Sengenkontacket watersheds. The intended expansion will be dependent upon developing a funding strategy acceptable to the town and its taxpayers.



I would like to thank the Commissioners Hans von Steiger, Bob Iadicicco and Gail Barmakian as well as the Selectmen for their confidence in me to manage this department effectively. I would also like to thank Lisa Merritt the Administrator/Lab Tech, Gary Jardin a Mechanic Operator and Jared Meader a Junior Operator with doing a great job in supporting me in all we do to continue running such a successful department. Lisa, Gary and I all have grade 6 operator licenses, and Jared Meader has a grade 2 license. We all work well together to continually meet our State permit requirements as well as the town's wastewater needs.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM MONTEITH  
Facilities Manager

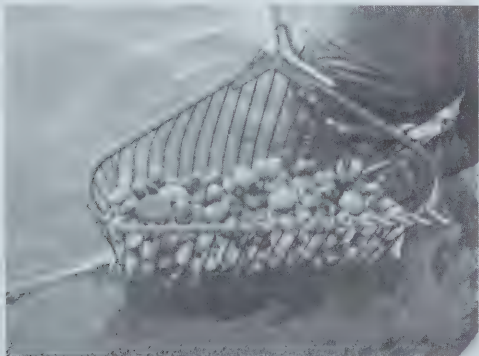
# RECREATION & NATURAL RESOURCES

## SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

Overall this past year we accomplished many things and made good progress on longer term projects. I have found that more and more of my time has been required for office work, special/grant projects and meeting with conservation minded local associations. Meeting with these local organizations foster partnerships, collaboration and stewardship that benefit the health of our priceless coastal ponds. Fortunately Jason Mallory has proven to be a great asset to this department. He now does most of the gear and field work.

During the first months of the year scallops continued to be landed making the 2013-2014 season a better than expected year. The 2014-2015 scallop season was a poor season. We have noted scallop seed in Lagoon Pond but spread out and no very heavy areas. We will re-assess in the spring, but we are cautiously optimistic for next season.



Quahogs!

The quahogging catch this year was about equal commercial/recreational fishermen who did well in both Lagoon and Sengekontacket Ponds. Due to Sengekontacket Pond's conditionally approved status with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries we monitor the rainfall. If too much rain comes in a 24 hour period we are required to close Sengekontacket Pond. In July the pond was closed for 22 days and 5 days in October.

The biggest issue that our coastal ponds face is excess nitrogen pollution. Much of it is entering our ponds from our own waste through septic system effluent. Nitrogen is a fertilizer and promotes plant growth. Our coastal ponds see blooms (rapid population growth) of single celled plants known collectively known as phytoplankton. The blooms

can be dense enough to block sunlight penetration of the water column. Without light the bottom growing eelgrass and seaweeds may not get enough light to live. With the death of the eelgrass, seaweeds and the phytoplankton these plant materials rot and decay. As these plants decay there is a demand for dissolved oxygen. The process of decay requires oxygen. The dissolved oxygen in the water is stripped out of the water. Without dissolved oxygen animals face suffocation death and even larger demand for oxygen when they die. There are areas in our coastal ponds that get to this state each summer.

The Town has taken steps to evaluate and address this problem. Among the steps taken are the establishment of total maximum daily load levels of nitrogen and the level of nitrogen that is in excess for a healthy pond, through the Massachusetts Estuaries Project. Last year all six island towns passed new fertilizer regulations limiting how much nitrogen and phosphorous may be put on lawns, potentially lowering the amount of nitrogen fertilizer entering the ponds from storm water runoff.

The two towns sharing Lagoon Pond have appointed a joint committee to recommend actions to reduce the nitrogen in Lagoon Pond. It is clear that the solution will include some sewerage in both towns. Other alternative actions are still being evaluated to reduce how much sewerage will be needed.

In Sengekontacket Pond the two towns are beginning to grow additional shellfish (oysters) that filter the water and remove some nitrogen. The goals of this project are to document how much nitrogen the oysters use in their growth and to create a recreational fishery. Edgartown's program has progressed faster but Oak Bluffs will be coming on line in 2015. We need to monitor and collect data to establish their growth rate and survival to calculate the nitrogen mitigation the oysters provide.

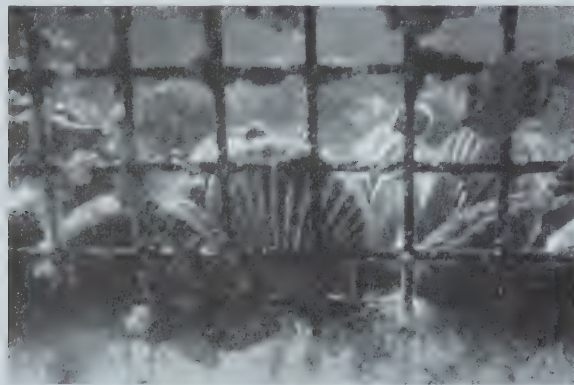
We have proposed, and are currently seeking funding, to conduct a salt marsh restoration project in Sengekontacket Pond. There have been many successful restoration projects done along the northeast US coast. However there has been very little documented effort to quantify the amount of nitrogen that is attenuated by restored salt marshes. The US EPA's Atlantic Ecology Division is very interested in working with us on this project and has agreed to assist us in quantifying how much nitrogen reduction is gained through salt marsh restoration, if we successfully get the funding.





**Eroding Salt Marsh**  
Note – the undercutting that destabilizes the leading edge

We continue to work with the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) and the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) to monitor the water quality in our ponds. This past year the MVC shouldered the cost (through a grant) of the sample analysis for the water chemistry; usually this is paid for by the Town and we expect to pay for the analysis in 2015. The DMF monitors the coliform bacteria levels in compliance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program. This department also monitors the phytoplankton communities and other sample analysis as needed.



**Scallops in Spawning Cage**  
Note - the seed scallop too

Our municipal aquaculture program will be expanding. This past year we received 2.28 million quahog seed at 1mm and an estimated 4 million bay scallops which are even smaller from the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group (MVSG). The quahogs grew well and we had good survival in our nursery rafts. The bay scallops were seeded in good habitat areas in Town.

New this year we purchased 40,000 2-4 mm oyster seed from Fisher Island.

Scallops were grown out in small mesh bags suspended in Lagoon Pond. We bought 750,000 steamer clams from Salem State College. We brought these through our upweller in the Harbor until they reached 12-15mm when we planted them out into publicly accessible areas.

The oysters represent the start of the creation of a recreational oyster fishery in the Town. This endeavor is being funded with Community Preservation Act funding. This past year we built a tidal upweller and purchased mesh bags and wire cages to grow the oysters. We anticipate calculating the amount of nitrogen the growing oysters take up and hopefully we will see a slight drop in the nitrogen load in the pond. In 2015 we expect to raise about 250,000 oysters and 500,000 in each subsequent year. For the summer of 2015 the Friends of Sengekontacket will be funding an intern position through the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) for work in just Sengekontacket Pond. The intern will split the time with the MVC and both Oak Bluffs and Edgartown Shellfish Departments.



**Quahog seed from nursery rafts ready to be released**

The final reports on our coastal ponds from the Massachusetts Estuaries Project identified sentinel water quality sampling stations and eelgrass as the sentinel species to track the health of our pond. We are looking more intently at the eelgrass meadows in Town. We realize the eelgrass is under additional stressors, other than the excess nitrogen load in our ponds. If we are to use eelgrass as a sentinel species for a nitrogen load indicator we need to know what else may be stressing the plant and to what extent. This is an issue not just for us locally but the entire Northeast. Our interest and efforts have been noticed and we have four funded eelgrass projects looking primarily at invasive sea squirt impacts on eelgrass.



**Colonial Sea Squirt on Eelgrass Blade**

The largest had US Environmental Protection Agency funding (\$100,000) through their Regional Applied Research Effort program. This project was designed to examine and determine the specific trophic levels the sea squirts are occupying and evaluate impacts from colonizing on the eelgrass blades. We also collected data on the amount of sunlight penetration by placing remote sensors in the eelgrass meadows. The early results are that yes, sea squirts are having a detrimental effect on the eelgrass plants. The plants colonized with sea squirts have fewer new leaves, slower growth rate and shorter length of blades. Also, interesting was we documented that the invasive sea squirts are competing for the same size and type of food as our local shellfish, but a native sea squirt has evolved to feed on slightly larger food. Currently this report is going through peer review for publication.

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (WHOI) has successfully received funding from Oak Bluffs Community Preservation Act (CPA) to monitor the eelgrass/sea squirt interaction in both Farm Pond (\$34,000) and a portion of Lagoon Pond (\$13,000) for multiple years. We will also document before and after conditions from the installation of a larger culvert for Farm Pond. The Lagoon site will serve as a control.

The data collected at these above mentioned sites are also given to a very large ongoing Latitudinal Study that began in 2013. During 2014 this study has received data from stations from New Jersey to Labrador. This work was presented at the annual Eelgrass Summit in March. I had the honor to present this work at the National Restore America's Estuaries Conference held in D.C. in November 2014. This project is expanding in 2015 to include additional sample sites that fill in areas along the northeast coast and as far south as Virginia.

Mary Carman of WHOI has also received funding through WHOI Coastal Ocean Institute to conduct research on an invasive jellyfish that arrived here several years ago. The Jellyfish is known as the "clinging jellyfish" for apt reason – it clings to your skin and keeps stinging. One of her study sites is Farm Pond. Both Mary and I were stung while doing work in Farm Pond in 2013. An article about this jellyfish appeared in the WHOI "Oceanus" magazine with photos from Farm Pond.

In conjunction with Mary Carman we have applied for funding to examine the impact on bay scallops of a very aggressive colonial sea squirt that is known to be acidic. The concern here is the shells of shellfish can dissolve in an acidic environment. We are targeting the bay scallop due to its thinner shell and the fact they do not burrow. Quahogs and steamer clams may not be affected by this species as they are burrowed into the sand.



Clinging Jellyfish

I co-presented with Marty Chintala (EPA) at the National Shellfisheries Association Conference in Florida in March. The topic was "Using a System Level Approach to Bay Scallop Enhancement and Management". The abstract of this presentation was published in the Journal of Shellfish Research.

Thanks to Vineyard Scuba for sponsoring an annual diver harbor cleanup in the spring. The volume of the trash and junk that is pulled out of the Oak Bluffs Harbor is amazing every year; especially when they start at the Harbormaster Shack and have not gotten as far as Lake Ave.

We were forced to cancel our annual quahog relay this year as the fisherman's boat we contracted with suffered a major breakdown and we could not reschedule during the window of opportunity. We intend to conduct the relay again in 2015.

The Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center (NRAC) released the "Northeast U.S. Aquaculture Management Guide", early summer 2014. I sat on the focus group that reviewed the shellfish portion of this guide. The new private aquaculture endeavor will be held to the standards identified in this comprehensive publication.

We received the final report on the Upper Lagoon Pond (\$38,000 CPA funded) from the Massachusetts School of Marine Science and Technology. The report identified some actions to increase the amount of denitrification in the fresh water pond before the nitrogen rich waters enter the Lagoon Pond itself. We are pursuing the easiest ones and once these steps are taken we will monitor the effluent and hopefully document our progress before pursuing costlier options.

This past summer we conducted a pilot project that allowed a local tackle shop to sell non-resident shellfish licenses. The tackle shop sold a few licenses at the same price as in the Town Hall and turned all the money over to the Town. He sold a little more gear and is happy to



continue selling the licenses. The advantage for the Town is now people can buy a shellfish license when the Town Hall is closed and on weekends. This seems to be a win win situation and we will continue this in 2015.

In October we hired Sarah Trudel as our part time year round Deputy Constable. Sarah has degree in environmental science and experience working on and around coastal ponds and beaches. The experience she brings to the department increases our strength and depth of expertise.

In September 2014 the Board of Selectmen approved a private aquaculture lease site in the outer Vineyard Haven Harbor. Prior to the Selectmen's approval they obtained permits and reviews from State and Federal regulatory agencies. Dan and Greg Martino plan to raise oysters and market them as Cottage City Oysters.

The dredging of little bridge since Hurricane Sandy has not yet been possible. In December 2014 we finally made real progress in securing the funds to dig the channel out. The contractor that we had on hold for this project could not get the project done before the time of year (TOY) restrictions became active on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The decision was that as they couldn't do it and as there is significantly more sand we will re-bid the job. We have asked the State for permission to conduct the work in June.

The Conservation Commission received CPA funding to hire a consultant to conduct a "Coastal Climate Change Vulnerability Assessments and Adaptation" study of Town infrastructure. I am serving on the steering committee on this project.

The Farm Pond Restoration Project is still turning some wheels and making some progress. This project began in 2004 when the pond was placed on the Massachusetts Wetland Restoration Priority List. We are currently in the early permit process of this project. We have funding for this through three grants; \$80,000 from the Conservation Law Foundation, \$50,000 From the Massachusetts Environmental Trust and \$50,000 from OB CPA funds. Most of this past year has been looking for the best way to offer stormwater flood protection to the low lying homes around the pond. We are planning a simple weir board tide gate. At the low tide before an expected storm the gate would be closed to keep the water level low in the pond. When the road gets overtopped the pond will then have storage capacity for more of the stormwater. We are currently working with the Army Corps of Engineers to use Federal Estuary Restoration Act funding to install the new larger culvert in the fall of 2016. This funding is hinged on identifying a 35% match to the federal dollars being offered. Once the culverts are installed the water quality in the pond is expected to improve rather quickly. The computer modeling that has been done predict that with the removal of the current tidal restriction the nitrogen levels in the pond will be reduced due to the dilution factor. The increased flushing should improve the pond water

quality enough to meet the current Federal Clean Water Act standards. This project should eliminate the need to install any more sewerage in the Farm Pond watershed.

Additional Town positions held by the Shellfish Constable include; Herring Warden, Assistant Harbormaster, treasurer and corporate clerk for the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group Inc., alternate Board of Director member for the Southeastern Massachusetts Aquaculture Center, member of the Joint Oak Bluffs Tisbury Lagoon Pond Committee, member of the Drawbridge Replacement Committee, member of the Steering Committee for Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment, member on the Board of Directors of Lagoon Pond Association, and Advisory Board member of Friends of Sengekontacket Inc.

As always I want to thank all that have helped this department over the past year; especially my staff Jason Mallory, Nicole Morey, Sarah Trudel and summer deputy Luis (Juan) Gonzalez.

Respectfully submitted,

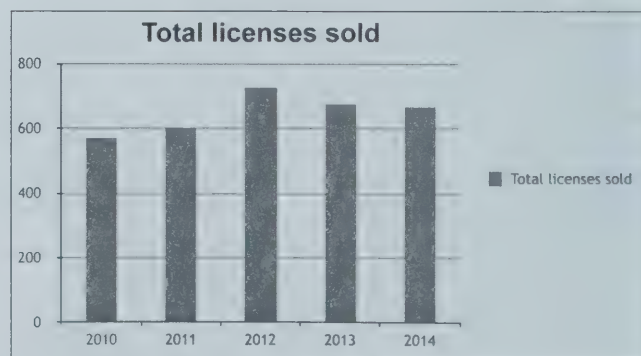
DAVID W. GRUNDEN  
Shellfish Constable

#### Shellfish Licenses Sold 2014

1 week	74	@ \$25	\$1,850
2 week	4	@ \$50	200
Commercial	14	@ \$350	4,900
Non Resident Rec	2	@ \$400	800
Resident Recreation	209	@ \$40	8,360
Senior Recreation	301	@ \$5	1,505
Veteran Recreation	65	@ 0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>669</b>		<b>\$17,615</b>

Income from licenses:

27.8% Commercial and 72.2% Recreational





## MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc. continued its programs to preserve and enhance the shellfish resources of Martha's Vineyard and the clean water they require. Our program received funding from the six Island towns, the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the Wampanoag Tribe, the Northeastern Regional Aquaculture Center, Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management, the Jewish Communal Fund, the Great Pond Foundation, the Edey Foundation, the Permanent Endowment for Martha's Vineyard, the Chilmark Ponds Association, the River Bend Fund and other private donors. Highlights of our 2014 program are as follows:

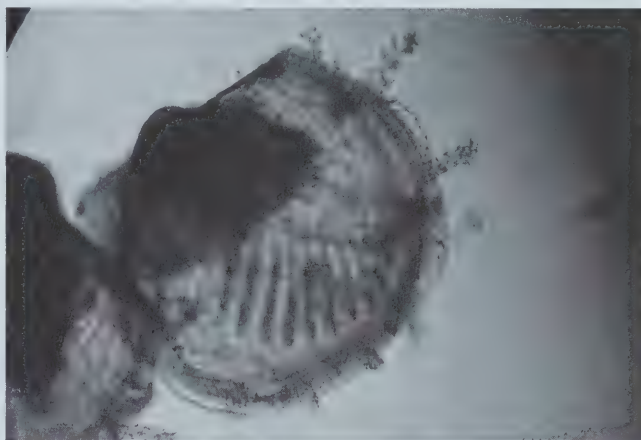
**Solar Shellfish Hatchery** - The key mission of our shellfish program is to maintain a critical mass of brood-stock in the Island ponds. To that end, we annually produce millions of seed shellfish for release in the ponds. In 2014, we produced 11.4 million seed quahogs, over 20 million seed scallops, nearly 10 million eyed oyster larvae, 77,000 single oyster seed and 50,000 seed mussels. Working with the Island's shellfish constables, these seed shellfish were planted in the Island's ponds in a successful ongoing shellfish enhancement effort.

**Expansion into the John T. Hughes Hatchery** - In 2014 we continued a cooperative venture with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) expanding our shellfish culture operations into the John T. Hughes Hatchery (former State Lobster Hatchery) in Oak Bluffs. The arrangement provided additional nursery space to complement our operations at the Chappy Shellfish Nursery and resulted in increased shellfish seed production. Under the lease agreement, DMF provided funding for utilities and one part-time technician. With additional funding from the Permanent Endowment for Martha's Vineyard, we equipped the facility with new larval tanks and equipment. This increased capacity enabled us to culture additional scallop and oyster larvae.

**Oyster Restoration** - In 2014, with funding from the Jewish Communal Fund and the Great Pond Foundation, we continued our oyster restoration programs in Edgartown and Tisbury Great Ponds. The overall goal of these projects is to restore the number of oysters in the ponds to levels at which this keystone species can again provide its vital ecosystem functions to restore ecological balance to the local marine environment. Following our restoration efforts, we are observing a continued expansion of the oyster populations in both ponds.

**Shell Recycling Project** - When shellfish are harvested, shells are removed from the pond. Shell provides critical

habitat for oysters and is increasingly important as a natural buffer to reduce the negative effects of acidified seawater on marine organisms, including shellfish. With funding from the Edey Foundation, shell collection continued at Island restaurants and from bins provided at several refuse collection sites.



Microscopic juvenile bay scallop

**Pilot Seaweed Culture Project** - Under a grant from the Edey Foundation, we continued a pilot study of the potential to culture edible seaweeds on the Island. Like shellfish, cultured sea vegetables have potential to improve water quality through their uptake of nitrogen and to provide a healthful local food product. This year we successfully grew kelp sporelings in a new seaweed culture system constructed at the Hughes Hatchery.

**Nitrogen Bioremediation** - Nitrogen overloads are recognized as one of the greatest threats to estuarine water quality and shellfish resources. Conventional nitrogen removal by way of the construction and operation of sewage treatment facilities will be very expensive. With supplemental funding from the towns of Chilmark and Tisbury, and grants from the Edey Foundation, Chilmark Ponds Association and Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management, we have begun investigations of alternative, biological means of nitrogen mitigation including the use of oyster reefs, ribbed mussels, floating islands, living shorelines, and the harvest of invasive *Phragmites* reeds.

**More detailed reports of our work are posted on our website**  
**[www.mvshellfishgroup.org](http://www.mvshellfishgroup.org), and**  
**on our Facebook page.**

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD C. KARNEY  
Shellfish Biologist/Director

## SEED SHELLFISH DISTRIBUTED IN 2014

	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>Quahog</b>	Aquinnah	2,280,000
	Chilmark	2,280,000
	Edgartown	2,280,000
	Oak Bluffs	2,280,000
	Tisbury	2,280,000
<b>Total Quahog Seed</b>		<b>11,400,000</b>

### **Scallops**

	<u>Seed on Burlap (estimated)</u>	<u>Seed from Tables</u>	
	Aquinnah	4,100,000	550
	Chilmark	4,100,000	550
	Edgartown	4,100,000	550
	Oak Bluffs	4,100,000	550
	Tisbury	4,100,000	550
	Wampanoag Tribe*		150,000
<b>Total Scallop Seed</b>			<b>20,652,750</b>

### **Oysters (Disease-resistant)**

#### **Oyster Larvae**

	Tisbury Great Pond	Edgartown Great Pond**	Lagoon & Chilmark Ponds***
Fertilized eggs	47,040,000	47,040,000	
7 Day old larvae		1,500,000	
10 Day larvae		1,650,000	
11-12 Day larvae	800,000		
18-20 Day larvae	1,170,000	1,230,000	

#### **Eyed -larvae**

<b>(Remotely Set)</b>	3,915,000	2,660,000	3,365,000
<b>Total Oyster Larvae &amp; Eggs</b>			<b>110,370,000</b>

#### **Single Oyster Seed**

Edgartown Great Pond**	40,666
Tisbury Great Pond	36,666
<b>Total Single Oysters</b>	<b>77,332</b>

#### **Blue Mussels\*\*\***

<b>Total Mussel Seed</b>	<b>50,000</b>
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\*Provided under contract

\*\*Provided under private foundation funding

\*\*\* Produced under special project funding

## HARBORMASTER/MARINA

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The following report is for the 2014 season at the Oak Bluffs Marina, which officially ended on the Tuesday, after Columbus Day weekend.

The objective of this report as always is to assess the performance of the Marina in its latest season, and to identify goals for the organization in the coming year.

**Current Year Financial Results** – The Marina had its best season ever! Fair weather and more economic confidence resulted in the marina taking in \$1,004,800 a \$53,788 increase over last year. This was achieved without any price increases for dockage at the marina. It is important to note this figure doesn't not include the income from the new fuel facility.

**Oak Bluffs Marina Goals for 2015 Season and Beyond** – In order to maintain and build the Marina as a reliable revenue source for the Town, planning must be made several years ahead at any time. This was the first season with the new fuel dock located to the right of the harbormaster office. Construction was completed in June and the with the dock opening for business the third week

of June. During its first season of operation and not opening until late in June, the facility sold 81,000 gallons of fuel adding over an additional \$60,000 to the town coffers. Predictions for the 2015 season are expected to be much higher as the fuel dock is now more well-known for efficient service and fair pricing and will be open this in May.

As always I would like to thank my staff for their professionalism and courtesy when interacting with our customers. Oak Bluffs Harbor is the most popular and financially successful harbor on the Island and this is greatly due to their efforts.

I would also like to thank Rich Combra and his staff at the Highway Dept. Chief Blake and the officers of the Police Dept. for all their help throughout the summer.

I would also like to give thanks to John Breckenridge and the entire Harbor Advisory Committee for their dedication and time in helping me with planning and new ideas for our beautiful harbor.

TODD ALEXANDER  
Oak Bluffs Harbormaster

Yearly Revenue Comparison



Revenue Breakdown 2014





## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The Conservation Commission and conservation agent have three main responsibilities to the Town of Oak Bluffs:

### **1. Wetlands Protection**

The Commission administers the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Oak Bluffs Wetlands Bylaw to insure that projects on or near wetlands (beaches, banks, dunes, marshes, flood zone) do not have an adverse impact on the wetlands' environmental functions and values.

In 2014 the Commission reviewed 49 projects and issued permits with special conditions designed to protect the natural resources. Examples of projects approved in 2014 are vegetation management, pier repair and maintenance, home additions and two new houses. In September a state Superior Court judge upheld the Commission's denial of a pier in Lagoon Pond due to adverse impacts of the proposed pier on shellfish habitat and commercial and recreational shellfishing.

Conservation Commissioners put in an enormous amount of volunteer time learning the science of coastal processes and administering complex wetlands regulations. They also assist property owners in planning and designing projects that suit the owners' needs while also protecting the environment.

If you are considering a project within 100 feet of a wetland resource or the flood zone please contact the office for information and advice at 508-693-3554 x118 or email the office at [edurkee@oakbluffsma.gov](mailto:edurkee@oakbluffsma.gov).

### **2. Open Space Planning and Management**

A new **Open Space & Recreation Plan** has been completed. The plan outlines short and long term plans for open space and recreation improvements. A state-approved plan makes the Town eligible for state grants. Major goals of the plan are:

- Address impacts of coastal climate change on open space and recreation lands
- Improve water quality/shellfish habitat in coastal salt ponds
- Improve recreational facilities and parks

The Conservation Commission manages the 15 acre **Sailing Camp Park** on Barnes Road and Lagoon Pond. In 2014 ground was broken on a **walking trail system** through the park. Funding was provided by the Community Preservation Act (CPA). Planning also began for a **coastal bank restoration project** at the park; this will protect the park and mainstay building from coastal erosion and act as a model project for private property owners looking to

restore their coastal banks. Funding for the project also came from the CPA. Capital improvement funds paid for a **rebuilt deck and much needed general maintenance at the Mainstay building**.



New walking trails at the Sailing Camp Park

The mainstay is rented in summer by the Island Theatre Workshop for their Children's Theatre Workshop and by the Vineyard Haven Band.

The Sailing Camp Park (formerly a Girl Scout sailing camp) is the waterside home of Sail Martha's Vineyard. Sail MV offers sailing lessons for children and adults at the boathouse on the beach and in the waters of the Lagoon, and sponsors and funds the highly successful high school sailing team.

The rustic **Mainstay building** overlooking Lagoon Pond is a **popular rental facility** for weddings and other functions. The rentals are professionally managed by John Breckenridge, who can be reached at 508-693-8616.

The property is open to the public from dawn to dusk.



One of two new scenic overlooks at the Sailing Camp Park

### **3. Education, Advocacy, Planning for Natural Resources Protection**

The Commission is actively planning to preserve and protect our coastal resources.

#### **Climate Change:**

It is vitally important to this Commission that the Town be prepared, in the short and long term, to adapt to the impacts of climate change on our coastline. It is smart and cost effective to be pro-active in planning to address beach erosion, flooding, storm damage and sea level rise.

With funding provided by the CPA, the Commission hired Kleinfelder, Inc. of Cambridge MA to undertake a **Coastal Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan**. This study is using state-of-the-art computer modelling to assess the impacts of storm surge, flooding, and sea level rise on our beaches, salt marshes and ponds, coastal roads and infrastructure; the plan will also recommend actions to address the impacts. This will provide the Town with short and long term plans for protecting the miles of Oak Bluffs shoreline, which has critical environmental, aesthetic, recreational and economic value.



Protecting our beautiful beaches and shoreline is a priority

**East Chop Bluff** – In December 2014 the Town was awarded \$225,000.00 from the Massachusetts DCR Rivers and Harbors grant program to address design and permitting of a stabilization project for the endangered East Chop bluff. With the plans and permits in hand the Town will be eligible to apply for grants to pay for the major stabilization project.

**Beach Nourishment** – In February sand from the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge project was placed on Pay and Inkwell Beaches. The sand was twice tested for metals and chemicals and both times met all state standards for cleanliness and use as beach nourishment. The sand, however, included significant clay material, making it hard-packed, and was slow to bleach out. The Selectmen voted to have the sand removed from Inkwell Beach. Beach erosion is a critical problem and the free, public beaches in Oak Bluffs are the backbone of our local economy. The Commission is working on a plan to allow placement of sand (quality sources of sand to be identified) below the mean high water mark along the **Sea View Avenue Beaches** to mitigate erosion, improve the recreational values of the beaches, and protect upland roads and property from storm damage and flooding. **Sand Mining** – The Commission actively supported the state's plan to allow the mining of ocean sand to be used for desperately needed beach nourishment – so long as the sand mining does not negatively impact marine fisheries.

**Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) Executive Director search** – Strongly encouraged the MVC executive director search committee to make expertise on climate change a required qualification for the new executive director.

**The North Bluff Seawall and Boardwalk Project will get underway in 2015.**

#### **Coastal Pond Nitrogen Reduction:**

The Commission is represented on a joint Oak Bluffs/Tisbury committee charged with planning to reduce the amount of nitrogen in the Lagoon and on the advisory board of the Friends of Sengekontacket. The Commission is assisting Shellfish Constable Dave Grunden in planning for the enlargement of the culvert at Farm Pond.

**Thank you.** Thank you to Conservation Commissioners Joan Hughes, chairman, Terry Appenzellar, John Breckenridge, Penny Hinkle and Ron Zentner for your commitment to the Town. Thank you to all departments for your support and assistance, particularly the Parks Department, Shellfish Department, Highway Department, Community Preservation Committee, Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZ DURKEE  
Conservation Agent



## PARK COMMISSIONERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

It is our pleasure to submit the annual report of the Oak Bluffs Park and Recreation Department.

The daily maintenance of the parks during the summer continues to be performed by the Highway Department personnel and we would like to thank them for their hard work at keeping the parks maintained.

The Town parks remain a favorite location for many events; these include the African-American Cultural Festival in Hartford Park, Della Hardman Day and the Wind Festival in Ocean Park, Midsummer Faerie Festival and the Open Market in Washington Park.

We will continue with the Sunday evening concerts in the Ocean Park Bandstand by the Vineyard Haven Band as well as Jellybone Rivers and the Maniacs of Heart on alternating weekends.

The popular summer basketball program continued under Program Director Michael Joyce. We would like to thank him for his many years of service.

Due to the Niantic Park restorations set to begin in the spring of 2015, there will be limited access and the summer basketball camp will not be held.

The “Vineyard Streetball Classic” and “Battle in the Bluffs” continued to be popular events and both donated money to assist with the Niantic Park restoration.

Although we did not offer tennis lessons in 2014, both residents and visitors alike enjoyed using the courts.

We continued with lifeguards at the Inkwell Beach and we hope to add a smaller lifeguard chair to the beach area in 2015. We ask that beach goers refrain from going out onto the jetties. We also ask that dog owners remember that from May 15th to September 15th the following rules apply:

Inkwell Beach –

dogs allowed before 7:00 AM and after 5:00 PM

Other Town Beaches –

dogs allowed before 8:00 AM and after 5:00 PM

Phase I of the Oak Bluffs Parks evaluation plan was completed by Horsley-Witten Group using CPA funds. The final report gave details of the numerous parks as well as their condition. This document can be used for planning improvements to the parks as well as in updating the Town’s Open Space & Recreation Plan.

We are asking for CPA funds in April 2015 to complete Phase II of the project which will develop both short term and long term improvements for numerous



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parks, a homeowner pamphlet regarding invasive plants and recommended plants, and ADA access transition plans.

A final plan for Niantic Park restoration was approved in September 2014 after holding public meetings with neighbors of the park which include direct abutters as well as Council on Aging board members. We hope that this CPA project will go out to bid in January 2015 with work to begin the spring 2015. It is our desire to have the entire park useable again by the summer of 2016.

Special events such as weddings may be held at the Bandstand in Ocean Park and at East Chop Lighthouse or

any other Town beach or park; applications are available through the Town's website ([www.oakbluffsma.gov](http://www.oakbluffsma.gov)) which then must be submitted and approved by the Commissioners.

Amy Billings was re-elected to the Park Commission in 2014 and continues as Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

AMY BILLINGS  
ALLAN A. DEBETTENCOURT  
RICHARD COMBRA, JR.

# EDUCATION

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

David Rossi, Chairperson  
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency  
Union #19 School Committee

Dear Mr. Rossi:

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is my distinct honor to offer this my final annual report as Superintendent of Schools to you and the members of the six school committees of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS). Again this year, the schools on the Island continue to provide a quality educational experience for the over 2,100 students who walk through our doors every day, due in large part to the dedicated professionals who staff our buildings.

Personnel matters dominated the work at the Superintendent's office this year. The High School saw significant changes in administration once again with the departure of Principal Stephen Nixon, Special Education Director Will Verbits, and Assistant Principal Matt Malowski. Dr. Nixon's sudden departure in the spring left that building without strong leadership, and we turned to new Assistant Superintendent Matthew D'Andrea to complete the year as High School principal. As the year drew to a close, Will Verbits decided to leave the Island, and we were fortunate to have Nancy Dugan assume that position on July 1. Due to a resignation leaving an open school adjustment counselor position, Matt Malowski moved from administration to counseling. Long-time science teacher Elliott Bennett was appointed to fill Matt's assistant principal position as an interim for the 2014–15 school year. After a lengthy search, Gilbert Traverso was selected to become Martha's Vineyard Regional High School's new leader. Gil has brought many years of experience to the position along with his charm and dedication to students. He quickly assessed the needs of the building, especially facilities issues and the improvement of our vocational programs.

Changes at the Central Office were also noted this year. Dr. Matthew D'Andrea became our assistant superintendent and immediately took responsibility for the continued implementation of our DESE-mandated educator evaluation program and the shift from MCAS to PARCC testing. Dr. D'Andrea also tackled several ongoing curriculum issues—the implementation of a full year of algebra in Grade 8 and the upgrading of our elementary Spanish program. Joining Matt at the Superintendent's

Office was Phillip Campbell as the Island's Director of Student Support Services. Phil took responsibility for the growth of our shared services classes and the challenge of filling specialist positions caused by the retirements of several therapists.

Our Early Childhood Program saw some growth causing Early Childhood Coordinator Midge Jacobs and Early Childhood Outreach Educator Alecia Barnes to seek alternatives to our two Project Headway classes. To serve as a safety net for this growth, the MVPS entered into a public-private partnership with Island Children's School to begin immediately after the start of the new year. Finally, the substantial growth in English Language Learners (ELL) has put pressure on ELL Director Leah Palmer and the small staff of ELL Coordinators across the Island.

Building safety and security were important issues with several schools making major upgrades. Martha's Vineyard Regional High School installed cameras, added a new set of entrance doors, and welcomed its new SRO, Sgt. Michael Marshand. The Tisbury School completely overhauled its entrances, which limited access to the building, and issues identification cards to every staff member. The Up-Island Regional School Committee debated the addition of an SRO for its schools, but has not done so as of yet. The Oak Bluffs School's onsite police office has seen some additional use this year, as well. As part of the new background check requirements, the MVPS has opened a fingerprint site at the Superintendent's Office allowing staff and others to complete the required fingerprinting on the Island rather than traveling to the closest site in Bourne.

Summer also saw the usual building projects, with roofs replaced at the Tisbury and Chilmark Schools and essential upgrades to the old Family Center at the High School. This space has been converted to a new Alternative Ed center allowing this vital program to have an appropriate home within the high school building. The AISC's Superintendent's Office Building Sub-Committee has moved forward with this noteworthy undertaking as well. An Owner's Project Manager (OPM) has begun work, and an architect for the task has been selected.

The All-Island School Committee has begun the process of selecting a new superintendent of schools to take over upon my retirement in June 2015. A selection committee including a wide range of stakeholders has been

convened, and the Massachusetts Association of School Committees has been engaged to assist in this process. By the time you read this report, it is expected that a Superintendent-elect will have been appointed to assume this fantastic position.

As is my custom, I would like to honor the six staff members who have indicated that they will be bringing their careers to a close by retiring as we complete this current school year. These include Russell MacDonald from the High School, special education teachers Sandra Joyce and Catherine MacDonald from the Edgartown School, Speech and Language Pathologist Linda Zaro, and upper-level teachers Barbara Lopes and Janet Stiller from the Tisbury School. Collectively, these six individuals have served the students of our Island for over 135 years.

Drafting this annual report has been especially difficult for me as it notes the close of my 46 year career in

education and my 10 year tenure here on the Vineyard. I have always been defined as a teacher or principal, and for the past 26 years, as a superintendent. Working in schools with educators and children is very important to me. While that will change, I can honestly say that I have enjoyed every year and will miss the students, staff, parents, and community members with whom I have come in contact. The Vineyard is a very special place with truly dedicated and caring educators, and I know that I leave the young people of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools in very capable hands. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful system.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. WEISS, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



## HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Superintendent of Schools  
4 Pine Street  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. Weiss:

It is truly a pleasure to be the new principal of MVRHS. In all my years of education, the overwhelming commitment by the community to the High School, its programs, and students' well-being goes unmatched. The school has achieved many positive results and maintains a great deal of potential. The clubs, academic and CTE course offerings, and athletics, coupled with counselor, teacher, parent, and student connections continues to provide an excellent college and career pathway for our graduates. Our goal is to perpetuate this proud tradition by creating a school climate of teamwork and collaboration which models our educational goals for our students. The subsequent information clearly details the progress, focus, and goals by department. More importantly, these student-centered goals connected to a successful college- and career-ready graduate.

On Class Night, June 2014, over \$1,104,416.00 was awarded to seniors and post-graduates. 2014 graduates received \$716,816.00 and post-graduates received \$386,600. Our community's support for students continuing their post-secondary education astounds. SAT scores for the 2014 graduates were high, producing the third highest combined SAT scores in the history of MVRHS. 79% of the senior class was admitted to a diverse group of colleges, universities and programs throughout the Nation, 16 % entered the workforce, 3% military and 2% other pursuits.

The role of the Special Education Department is to identify eligible students and provide them with specialized instruction to help them fulfill their potential towards college and/or career readiness. The final report of The Coordinated Program Review (CPR) of the MVRHS Special Education Department was received on March 7, 2014. This report highlighted eleven areas that the department needed to address. The Director of Special Education, in collaboration of the Director of Student Services developed a Corrective Action Plan (CAP), which was approved by DESE.

The CAP involved developing and providing professional development, policies and procedures, program evaluation and restructuring, and ongoing monitoring for compliance with regulations for SY '14-15. The restructuring of the department began in July 2014 under the new leadership of Nancy W. Dugan, M.Ed., BCBA, as the Director of Special Education at MVRHS with the support of a newly hired administrative assistant, Ms. Troy Harris.

Paraprofessional positions (educational support personnel – ESP) saw changes with staff leaving and newly hired staff joining the team. Another staff change included the hiring of a teacher to replace the History Special Education teacher for this school year. The focus of the department has been to build a positive collaborative environment/department while becoming an integral part of the school community at large.

In response to the CPR/CAP, program changes and evaluations have been initiated and Professional Development has been provided to all staff at the start of the SY '14 on the areas identified in the CPR. Future Professional Development trainings will be developed to address areas of need for the school community to meet its vision and to enhance the learning of students with disabilities. New practices and procedures have been developed and implemented with ongoing revisions as needs arise. The Department meets on a monthly basis to review special education regulations, practices, monitoring of compliance. Appropriate supports and services are assessed to ensure they are in place to meet the needs of our students with disabilities receiving specialized instruction. As representatives for the Special Education Department, each Special Education Teacher participates in monthly content department meetings. The MVRHS Special Education Department has initiated collaboration meetings with representatives of each sending school to begin the process of ensuring a smooth and successful transition for students from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at MVRHS for the next school year.

The biggest news involving the MVRHS Alternative Education department this year is that we have officially moved into our newly renovated home (formerly the Family Center). The change in venue from our temporary home came just in time, as our program continues to grow (we have already enrolled twelve new students into the program this year). In addition to our continued growth, we are always trying to provide our students with hands on, real-world learning opportunities, so we continue to reach out and extend our external partnerships with the YMCA / Alex's Place, Felix Neck, The Trustees of Reservation, Island Grown Schools, The MV Shellfish Hatchery, and MV Preservation Trust to name a few.

The Art, Design & Technology department had a full and productive year in 2014. Two new courses were offered: "Introduction to Fashion Sewing & Fiber Arts" and "Introduction to Computer Architecture and Networking." Two new clubs were formed this year: the Innovation Club and the Print Club both of which are off to good starts. Video Club and video class students work regularly in the MVTV studios, and are also involved in a

project interviewing past and present MVRHS students. Art and design students won thirty awards in the 2014 Scholastic Art Awards, including six award-winning senior portfolios and six "gold key" awards. Our students won awards in the Congressional Art Contest, a best-in-show award in the Photography Center of Cape Cod's 2014 "Mass Photo Challenge," as well as an award in a *Martha's Vineyard Magazine* contest. Drawing, Painting, Photography, and Sculpture students participated in the 2014 Vineyard Conservation Society art contest and had a successful opening and exhibit at the MV Film Center. MVRHS pottery students made and donated bowls for two Island Grown Initiative fundraisers, and held an exhibit and sale at Featherstone gallery. Our graphics students held a special "cod" show at the Centerville Museum with graphic designer Andrew Newman. Advanced art students attended Portfolio Day in Boston in October, and prepared senior portfolios for college admissions as well as the Young Arts and Scholastic portfolio contests. A number of our students also won internships and participated in prestigious programs at MIT, Art Institute of Chicago, Cal Poly, Maine Media Workshops, NSLI-Y, and others in the summer of 2014. The MVRHS Yearbook, and our art and literary magazine, *Seabreezes*, both had successful publications this year. Our photography students collaborated with students from Argentina, Yemen, and Vietnam this year, and their efforts attracted the attention of National Geographic magazine. At the end of 2014, art and design students prepared an exhibit on Circuit Avenue, and planned an exhibition for the Martha's Vineyard Museum. Architecture & Design students are designing a new pergola for the front of the school in a collaborative effort with Building Trades and Horticulture. In Freshmen Skills, students have been focusing on writing resumes for summer employment and are learning appropriate job application skills. Our annual "Evening of the Arts" was held in May in coordination with the Performing Arts department; we hosted a very successful exhibition and event, drawing hundreds of community members.

The Performing Arts Department offered a wide range of classes for both performing and non-performing classes during the second semester of last year and the first semester of 2014-15. These include Band, Freshman and Mixed Choruses, String Orchestra, Vocal Ensemble, Theatre Workshop, Musical Theatre, Guitar, Piano, Sound Technology, and music theory classes which include Theory I and II, Advanced Theory Portfolio, Advanced Placement, and Independent Studies.

In addition to curricular offerings, the staff and students in the Performing Arts Department participated in many school and community events over the past 12 months. Vocal and string performers were chosen to perform in the All Cape and Southeast District Festivals in January and February. Students auditioned in November

this year for the two festivals, with one vocalist being recommended for the Massachusetts All State auditions. Students, faculty, and community members collaborated to present four stellar performances of the musical 'CATS' to large and appreciative audiences, despite the snow! During Music in Our Schools Month, the department presented a concert featuring Chorus, Orchestra, Jazz, Band, Band, and Vocal Ensemble.

Minnesingers traditional spring concerts included a choral section, Morn to Night' and a dance section which brought back memories of the British Invasion. Minnesingers also performed for community events and the string quartet entertained at Honors' Night and the National Honor Society Induction. Both string quartet and jazz band provided music for the senior luncheons in the high school culinary dining room. In conjunction with the Visual Arts Department, the performing groups, theatre classes, and individuals performed for Evening of the Arts in May. Choruses, band, and orchestra participated in graduation ceremonies at the Tabernacle in June.

In the CTE department, the Automotive program has ordered a new alignment machine and lift, and has grown to nearly 40 students because of instructor Ken Ward's efforts to bring the program up to 21<sup>st</sup> Century standards. The Culinary program continuously hosts community luncheons and suppers, has instituted a Back Door Bistro to show off the student talents to the staff, and remains involved with Island Grown Schools with local food dinners in the spring and fall. Last spring, we held the dinner off-campus at Sweet Life restaurant with Chef/Owners Kevin and Susanne Crowell. At this fall's dinner, Chef Dan Saur worked with the students and blew away a packed house. The Culinary program continues to place students into some of the Island's great restaurants. We also replaced one of our ranges and upgraded our Deck Ovens in the kitchen. The Horticulture program designed and constructed community gardens at Thimble Farm for the Island Grown Initiative, planted and grew 10,000 beach grass plugs for the Duke's County beach restoration program, designed and constructed an eight by eighty foot brick sidewalk for the MV Sharks stadium bleachers, designed a landscape plan for the Portuguese-American club, and had another successful annual plant sale. The Building Trades program built a 12'x16' extreme weather building for the Harbormaster in Menemsha, built a Gaga Dodge Ball Pit (octagon enclosure) for the YMCA summer camp, and birdhouses for the Nature Conservancy. Additionally, on the High School campus, the students extended and repaired the split-rail fence on Sanderson Ave, rebuilt the Horticulture tool room, replaced doors in the Horticulture green house, built a handrail for the transportation department bus driver parking area, and picnic tables for the West Tisbury School. In addition to these projects, the students built nine 8'x12' sheds. The Health



Assisting program has a new instructor, Susan McHugh, who has worked actively to build the Health Assisting Advisory Committee and to meet the criteria for full program approval next fall. The Health Assisting students have been able to utilize the new technology of the Laerdal patient simulator to enhance learning.

The MVRHS English Department students and teachers experienced a successful year once again. The school's student literary magazine, *Seabreezes*, earned a prestigious award from the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). Additionally, the New England Scholastic Press Association's (NESPA) honored our high school student newspaper staff at an awards ceremony held at Boston University. Our students earned the "Highest Achievement Award in Scholastic Editing and Publishing." Two students earned individual "Special Achievement Awards" for excellence in scholastic journalism. Students also distinguished themselves in pursuits including a summer in Jordan studying Arabic, performing at the Chicago Improv Festival, and writing an original book of fiction. ESL students were selected as winners of the Della Hardman Essay Contest and readers for the Edgartown Library's 2014 Amigos Story Time program. Teachers attended professional development opportunities conferences/seminars in ELL teaching, Middlebury's Bread Loaf School, the "Walden Woods Project," and online graduate courses at Dominican University. These experiences brought new and exciting approaches to teaching students in the high school such as collaborating with elementary school classes. Finally, our students distinguished themselves on the AP exams last year. Ninety-five percent of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School students who took the 2014 exams earned a passing score--more than 30 points above the national average.

The History & Social Studies department at the Regional High School teaches every student in the school. In addition to the required history classes, they offer a full range of elective classes on topics ranging from sociology, psychology, Irish History & Culture, Brazilian History & Culture, Women's Studies, Sheltered History, and three Advanced Placement courses of study. Student activities included an educational tour of Ireland, the annual African American Heritage Trail exhibition of student work, the Close-Up trip to Washington DC, the Brazilian-American Friendship Lunch, the Government Day program in Boston, and a number of class presentations by community members. The department is committed to educating all of our students to participate in their community as active and informed citizens.

In our library, students continue to sign into the library during Learning Centers in high numbers. The 2014-2015 school year began with a new series of student talks. Over the first semester, 10 talks were presented to visiting classes in the LCR, on subjects ranging from building

robots to learning Arabic in Jordan. The Wednesday lunch series began with a visit from the Martha's Vineyard Film Festival. The series aims to introduce a diversity of career paths to students. The librarian is continuing to work to expand the scope and breadth of co-planned and co-taught classes. For example, freshman skills students were taught lessons focusing on authorship, bias, and copyright. This fall, the co-taught classes on use of "Web 2.0" technologies centered around project-based learning, including the creation of online newspapers on historical topics, and Voicethread for poetry recitation and analysis. There is a growing awareness of the library and the librarian as a resource for teaching and learning information literacy. In addition, word is spreading about using the library space for authentic assessment of projects, through both displays and performance.

The Innovation Lab has been used by several students to build projects, including an Augmented Reality (AR) Sandbox and a student-produced video project modeled after the V-Sauce YouTube show. The Lab is being used for interviewing students and alumni. Footage is planned to be used to highlight the school online and possibly on cable TV.

The Library Committee met to consider how to move forward with the recommendations that were given to the school council at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. A capital improvement plan was devised. After consulting with potential grantors and discussions about capital funding in general, the committee agreed that hiring an architect would benefit a future request for funding, as several of the funding agencies asked to see plans. A productive meeting with Jay Lipman from Fielding Nair led to a proposal for library design. The design phase was approved by the school committee and we look forward to meeting with them in the spring.

The math department welcomes Michael Lavers as a cohort. Michael arrives with a wealth of experience as a math and science teacher from Sandwich High School. Carol (Sylva) Flanders received Graduate credit from Cambridge College for completing Advanced Placement training this past summer. She attended the Advanced Placement Institute at Bridgewater State through the Massachusetts Math and Science Initiative. MVRHS had satisfying results with regards to the 2014 math standardized test results. The average SAT score of 547 was the second highest ever. The BC calculus AP scores averaged 4.5. The MCAS results were also solid. The math CPI continues to improve, with 87% of students score proficient or higher, and 59% scoring advanced.

Health Class students became health educators in a joint project between MVRHS and the Martha's Vineyard combined Boards of Health to prevent the spread of Lyme Disease. The initiative included Lyme Disease experts visiting health classes to provide education from the



medical standpoint and then each separate section created their own preventative messages. The sixth-grade students at each elementary school were presented with 'one-act skits,' a homemade Jeopardy game, and two different slide presentations. This whole production was captured on video as a documentary being produced by Martha's Vineyard Productions, Inc. for future educational use. In Physical Education, there was a wide variety of community-based experiences all across the Island we participated in: swimming at the YMCA; skating at the MV Rink; kayaking at Felix Neck; Disc Golf at the State Forest; and biking, thanks to the use of rentals from Wheel Happy! One boastful section of juniors and seniors challenged the Sports History class to a game of Team Handball and the PE kids took the bragging rights by a landslide! Our combined Special Ed/Adaptive PE annual Special Olympics competition saw an increase in student assistants from all grades, in addition to our 9 special education athletes. In this fall's Personal Training Class, there are several personal bests, including one young woman who can dead lift 185 lbs. and one young man who can dead lift 275 lbs. Both of these lifts exceed the student's body weight by a significant percentage.

In 2014, the teachers in the Science Department actively engaged in education, community outreach, and collaboration. Our science teachers took classes in educating diverse populations and in curriculum design, including general curriculum design, physics curriculum design, and computer-based STEM design. Teachers attended the National Science Teachers Association Conference, a Social Thinking Conference, and an Engineering Design Conference that focused on engaging students in STEAM-based projects. The department has worked with several local groups (on-Island and off-Island), including BiodiversityWorks, Felix Neck, the Shellfish Hatchery, Island Grown Schools, and Cape Light Compact to provide project opportunities for students. The department participates in a STEAM committee within the school, and this committee serves to help evaluate and plan STEAM initiatives and experiences. This year, the Science Department engaged very actively with the Art Department to help students work on projects that bridged both disciplines. Biology teachers also collaborated with the English Department's Writing Lab to work on open response question writing in preparation for the Biology MCAS, and our ELL biology teacher is part of an ELL Co-teaching Network that meets to discuss teaching strategies. Students in science engaged in a variety of types of projects this year, including both science and engineering projects. The department hosted its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Science Fair, supported by local donations, with over 100 student entrants. A total of 39 science professionals in our community served as judges for the fair, discussing projects at length with each of our student entrants. The students with the strongest

projects in our fair proceeded on to compete at the upper-level fairs, and one of the students received an award at the Southeast Regional Science Fair in Bridgewater. The Engineering Challenge, in its second year, offered over 40 students an opportunity to engage in competitive engineering design work, and the ten strongest of these students were invited to attend the Cape and Islands Engineering Challenge in Woods Hole, which was a four-school competition and educational day at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute organized by the teachers from our STEAM group here at the High School. Students also engaged in outreach projects in which they helped teach younger students about science and engineering. Students have worked with preschoolers at MV Community Services, and a group of ten students organized an Engineering Club for elementary students at the Tisbury School. The Tisbury School project focused on energy-based engineering, and the outreach project was recognized with a 2014 School of the Year Award at the State Level as part of the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Awards for Energy Education sponsored by the National Energy Education Development Project.

The World Language Department had a busy year with lots of excitement and change. In April, 2 teachers and 24 students toured Spain, visiting five of the most famous cities while immersing themselves in the language and culture; they also enjoyed a side trip to Morocco. In May, we combined forces with the Arts and Music Department to coordinate our annual World Language Night for the second year in a row. It was a very successful evening in which students were able to showcase their work for the community. This September, we welcomed Mr. Nicholas Delaney as our new French teacher. He comes to us with degrees from McGill University and Paris IV - La Sorbonne. Another addition to our department this fall, Ms. Jane McGroarty Sampaio, a MVRHS alum, has returned to the Island and our department after spending several years living in Brazil. Ms. McGroarty Sampaio is serving as our German and Portuguese teacher. We are currently phasing out our German program to be able to offer Portuguese. We look forward to having Portuguese be a part of our language program, and believe that this course offering helps to better serve our school population and our Island community.

The MVRHS athletic program saw some great success in 2014 and made some changes. The boys' basketball, girls' basketball, boys' hockey, and girls' hockey teams all qualified for tournaments last winter. The boys' basketball team kept their Eastern Athletic Conference championship dominance intact by sharing a conference title with Bishop Feehan. The swim team competed in their first season as a full member of the Bay Colony Conference at the varsity level. In the spring, the boys' and girls' tennis teams, as well as the boys' lacrosse team, either shared or won,

outright, Eastern Athletic Conference championships. The boys' tennis team lost in the South Sectional Semi-finals. In the fall, we saw a lot of change on the soccer side of our program. Both the boys and girls had new head coaches, and we saw a great amount of support and interest in the soccer programs due to the efforts of the two new coaches. The boys' soccer team advanced to the South Sectional finals after an outstanding regular season, where we saw Jason Lages set a new single-season goals' record with 34. The field hockey team played an outstanding first-round tournament game but came up short in double overtime on the road. Lastly, the Island Cup will stay on MV for another year. The football team made a late season run to notch a winning record and defeated Nantucket 21-7. With

a new trophy on the line, it was nice to bring home the hardware once again.

We will continue to promote successes in conjunction with striving for improvements. Our measured results will need to match the potential of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School's students' capabilities. We look forward to serving the needs of all young adults in a safe environment which provides multiple opportunities for student and staff connections.

Respectfully submitted,

GIL TRAVERSO  
Principal

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

In compliance with Section VIII of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Agreement under which the District was formed and according to the recommendations of the Office of the Directors of Accounts, we submit the following financial reports of the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

Statement of Net Assets

Government Funds Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds – Statement of Revenues,  
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

General Funds - Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
Changes in Fund Balances, Budget and Actual

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER  
Treasurer

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,576,219
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	1,107,395
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts:	
Intergovernmental	874,901
Due from Agency Fund	892,490
Total current assets	<u>5,451,005</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets not being depreciated	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	14,370,559
Total noncurrent assets	<u>14,550,303</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>20,001,308</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	772,053
Accrued payroll	1,122,456
Other liabilities	45,209
Compensated absences	28,907
Wastewater connection payable	29,560
Long-term bonds and notes payable	665,000
Total current liabilities	<u>2,663,185</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Compensated absences	260,163
Net OPEB obligation	8,703,024



Wasterwater connection payable	354,707
Long-term bonds and notes payable	1,620,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	10,937,894
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>13,601,079</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	12,571,181
Restricted for:	
Other specific purposes	509,248
Unrestricted	(6,680,200)
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 6,400,229</b>

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET**

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	<b>General</b>	<b>High School Roof Repair</b>	<b>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,172,176	\$ - 0	\$ 404,043	\$ 2,576,219
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:				
Intergovernmental	874,901	- 0	- 0	874,901
Due from Agency Fund	892,490	- 0	- 0	892,490
Restricted assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	- 0	305,878	801,517	1,107,395
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,939,567</b>	<b>305,878</b>	<b>1,205,560</b>	<b>5,451,005</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
Warrants Payable	678,674	- 0	93,379	772,053
Accrued payroll	1,035,728	- 0	86,728	1,122,456
Other liabilities	45,209	- 0	- 0	45,209
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,759,611</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>180,107</b>	<b>1,939,718</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Unavailable Revenue	874,901	- 0	- 0	874,901
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Restricted	- 0	305,878	690,591	996,469
Committed	- 0	- 0	508,015	508,015
Assigned	427,120	- 0	- 0	427,120
Unassigned	877,935	- 0	(173,153)	704,782
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,305,055</b>	<b>305,878</b>	<b>1,025,453</b>	<b>2,636,386</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 3,939,567</b>	<b>\$ 305,878</b>	<b>\$ 1,205,560</b>	<b>\$ 5,451,005</b>

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**

**YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014**

	<u>General</u>	<u>High School Roof Repair</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Member town assessments	\$14,508,964	\$	\$ - 0	\$14,508,964
User fees	686,206		456,194	1,142,400
Intergovernmental:				
State Aid-foundation	2,738,625		- 0	2,738,625
State Aid-transportation	402,220		- 0	402,220
State Aid-school construction reimbursement	881,813		- 0	881,813
State Aid-charter school assessment reimbursement	156,939		- 0	156,939
State Aid-circuit breaker	- 0		385,058	385,058
Other state and federal grants	2,276,135		1,491,730	3,767,865
Departmental Receipts	34,379		92,939	127,318
Contributions and donations	- 0		5,117	5,117
Investment income	18,380	- 0	350	18,730
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>21,703,661</u>	<u>- 0</u>	<u>2,431,388</u>	<u>24,135,049</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	4,706,346		488,211	5,194,557
Special Education	2,425,298		807,035	3,232,333
Vocational	405,482		48,348	453,830
Other	81,229		11,351	92,580
Support Services:				
Pupil	1,654,038		234,233	1,888,271
Instructional	321,779		245,016	566,795
Administration	1,646,475		149,017	1,795,492
Business	99,311		- 0	99,311
Building and grounds	1,205,512	854,170	77,256	2,136,938
Transportation	1,227,408		- 0	1,227,408
Food	- 0		330,939	330,939
Community services	- 0		170,857	170,857
Pension benefits	2,570,048		- 0	2,570,048
Employee benefits	2,278,742		- 0	2,278,742
Property and liability insurance	253,688		- 0	253,688
State Assessment				
Charter school	879,430		- 0	879,430
Debt service-principal	890,000		- 0	890,000
Debt service-interest	73,500	2,906	- 0	76,406
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>20,718,286</u>	<u>857,076</u>	<u>2,562,263</u>	<u>24,137,625</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>985,375</u>	<u>(857,076)</u>	<u>(130,875)</u>	<u>(2,576)</u>

	<u>General</u>	<u>High School Roof Repair</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
Proceeds of bonds and notes	- 0	87,993	- 0	87,993
Transfers In	- 0	- 0	164,729	164,729
Transfers out	(164,729)	- 0	- 0	(164,729)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(164,729)	\$87,993	164,729	87,993
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	820,646	(769,083)	33,854	85,417
<b>FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year</b>	484,409	1,074,961	991,599	2,550,969
<b>FUND BALANCE, End of year</b>	\$ 1,305,055	\$ 305,878	\$ 1,025,453	\$ 2,636,386



**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**GENERAL FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES**  
**EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES,**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	Prior Year Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Original Budget	Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Current Year Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Actual and Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Variance Positive/ (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>								
Member town assessments	\$ -0	\$14,508,964	\$ -0	\$14,508,964	\$14,508,964	-0	\$14,508,964	\$ -0
User fees	-0	673,020	-0	673,020	686,206	-0	686,206	13,186
Intergovernmental:								
State Aid-foundation	-0	2,720,400	-0	2,720,400	2,738,625	-0	2,738,625	18,225
State Aid-transportation	-0	288,883	-0	288,883	402,220	-0	402,220	113,337
State Aid-school construction reimbursement	-0	881,813	-0	881,813	881,813	-0	881,813	-0
State Aid-charter school assessment reimbursement	-0	86,802	-0	86,802	156,939	-0	156,939	70,137
Departmental Receipts	-0	42,858	-0	42,858	34,379	-0	34,379	(8,479)
Investment income	-0	20,000	-0	20,000	18,380	-0	18,380	(1,620)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	-0	19,222,740	-0	19,222,740	19,427,526	-0	19,427,526	204,786
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
Current:								
Instruction:								
Regular	695	4,740,646	-0	4,740,646	4,706,346	2641	4,708,987	31,659
Special Education	14,293	2,504,072	-0	2,504,072	2,425,298	12,364	2,437,662	66,410
Vocational	-0	406,695	-0	406,695	405,482	185	405,667	1,028
Other	257	90,580	-0	90,580	81,229	2978	84,207	6,373
Support Services:								
Pupil	2,465	1,679,553	-0	1,679,553	1,654,038	25515	1,679,553	-0
Instructional	420	335,927	-0	335,927	321,779	1366	323,145	12,782
Administration	4,238	1,715,558	-0	1,715,558	1,646,475	20674	1,667,149	48,409
Business	-0	106,360	-0	106,360	99,311	-0	99,311	7,049
Building and grounds	43,418	1,322,365	-0	1,322,365	1,205,512	85056	1,290,568	31,797
Transportation	250	1,237,007	-0	1,237,007	1,227,408	4723	1,232,131	4,876
Pension benefits	-0	338,889	-0	338,889	293,913	-0	293,913	44,976
Employee benefits	-0	2,487,158	50,000	2,537,158	2,278,742	268	2,279,010	258,148
Property and liability insurance	-0	254,261	-0	254,261	253,688	-0	253,688	573

	Prior Year Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Original Budget	Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Current Year Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Actual and Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Variance Positive/ (Negative)
State Assessment	- 0	759,085	- 0	759,085	879,430	- 0	879,430	(120,345)
Charter school		273,800		273,800	- 0	271,350	271,350	2,450
Capital Outlay	- 0	890,000	- 0	890,000	890,000	- 0	890,000	- 0
Debt service-principal	- 0	73,500	- 0	73,500	73,500	-	73,500	- 0
Debt service-interest								
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	66,036	19,215,456	50,000	19,265,456	18,442,151	427,120	18,869,271	396,185
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	(66,036)	7,284	(50,000)	(42,716)	985,375	(427,120)	558,255	600,971
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>								
Transfers out	- 0	(7,284)	(157,445)	(164,729)	(164,729)	- 0	(164,729)	- 0
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	(66,036)	- 0	(207,445)	(207,445)	820,646	(427,120)	393,526	600,971
<b>FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year</b>	484,409	484,409	484,409	484,409	484,409	484,409	484,409	- 0
<b>FUND BALANCE, End of year</b>	\$ 418,373	\$ 484,409	\$ 276,964	\$ 276,964	\$ 1,305,055	\$ 57,289	\$ 877,935	\$ 600,971

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dr. James H. Weiss, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
4 Pine Street  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. Weiss,

I am grateful for the tremendous efforts of our students and staff and the continued contributions of our parents and community volunteers. The Oak Bluffs School experienced another very successful year in 2013-2014. We continue in our improvement as a high achieving school as evidenced by state aggregate scores on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). Our school operates in the top performance designation, Level 1 of 5, and our Progress Performance Index (PPI) ranks us in the 89th percentile of schools in the entire Commonwealth. We attribute our success to the efforts of our children and teaching staff.

Our Blazer staff is a leader in the implementation of the Responsive Classroom Social Curriculum and it continues to provide a high quality education for our children despite challenging economic times. In looking to strengthen our programs and practices, we continue to make significant changes to our format and structure while honoring the traditions and practices that make the Oak Bluffs School a special place.

Last year, our school adopted a new math program for our grades K-6. The Envision Math Program is conceptually based and is congruent with curricular frameworks. Though the transition was challenging for our staff and students, the successful results reveal the wisdom of the change. This year, we will be transitioning to a new model for state testing called Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). This will replace our MCAS testing in the areas of math and English Language Arts. We will continue to administer the MCAS in science, engineering, and technology. PARCC will represent a significant change in format and the manner of our test administration, as we will submit our tests electronically without the use of paper and pencil.

The number of our children who receive academic enrichment in the areas of math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies continues to increase. Our Enrichment Program for Gifted Youth (EPGY) addresses the needs of children who show a particular strength in math. Many children receive enrichment opportunities throughout the school day,

strengthening their academic content. We have instituted an effective intervention program to support our children in literacy and created new formatting to reach more English Language Learners.

As the principal of our school, I recognize the efforts that have been made on the part of our staff to improve instruction. In our shared leadership model, teachers have the opportunity to regularly collaborate with one another, sharing their best practices in the interests of our students. Using the collective capacity of our community to facilitate student achievement inspires confidence in knowing that our school will continue with its successes and growth in all areas. The efforts of our staff, along with our talented, hard-working children will ensure for continued high achievement among our student body.

I wish to recognize and thank the many parents who have participated in creating successful, well-educated children through their gifts of time and talent, and our supportive and committed group of parents and community members on the School Advisory Council, School Committee, and PTO, who meet regularly in support of our school. Their efforts serve as a model for our children who have given back in support of our community.

I also wish to express my gratitude to our town departments, community members, and leaders of our town. They have worked with me to strike a balance that allows for the funding of our school needs in the context of the economic stability that our town has achieved through their strong fiscal management. Our students benefit from our town's continued support in emphasizing a strong academic program for our children delivered by a very talented and dedicated staff of teachers, specialists, assistants, and support staff.

We have much to be proud of in regards to the accomplishments of the children and staff of the Oak Bluffs School. Our continued collaborative efforts among our staff, students, parents, and town has earned our school a reputation for helping to foster wonderful, accomplished, high achieving students. I am very "Proud to Be From OB".

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD M. SMITH  
Principal



## PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

This was the busiest year the Oak Bluffs Public Library (OBPL) has ever seen! Our circulation, program attendance, room use, and borrowers increased significantly in 2014. Credit is due to our dedicated and creative team of employees, and our community who consistently support our innovative ideas!

Throughout the year, staff members are encouraged to seek out conferences and training sessions to enrich their education and expand their view of OBPL services. Director Sondra Murphy and Children's Librarian Zoe Thompson attended the Public Library Association conference in Indianapolis, IN. At the conference they were inspired by new concepts and methods, and brought back a renewed enthusiasm as well as program ideas.

2014 was a year of many changes. We changed a few library spaces to better suit our patrons' needs, and restructured several positions to allow for adaptation to the future of libraries, whatever that may be. We also had a few staff changes. After 19 years of dedicated service to the OBPL, Rosemary Hildreth retired in June. During her time at the OBPL, she played a large role in the many changes that happened throughout the years, including moving from the one-room building on Penacock to our current facility built in 2005, and switching from card catalogs to a digital catalog. She ordered all the OBPL's materials, and was always willing to give a great book or movie recommendation. The staff and patrons already miss her greatly!

In addition to Rosemary's retirement, two other employees also moved on. Mikaela Wolfe, Reference Librarian, left the OBPL for a position off-island. We wish her luck in her new job. Children's Librarian Zoe Thompson left to devote her time to her first child! We are so happy for Zoe, and will miss her energy, enthusiasm, and devotion to our patrons. During Zoe's time at our OBPL, she tripled program attendance, added two new storytimes, and doubled the Summer Reading Program's participation. Her time with us was short but sweet, and we are very much looking forward to having her here as a patron with her little one.

With the personnel changes, we took advantage of the vacancies by restructuring positions and rewriting job descriptions in order to modernize and streamline our personnel structure. After working in conjunction with the Personnel Board and Union, we created a new position and updated an existing one: Program Coordinator and Administrative Assistant. With a dedicated staff member to oversee all adult programs, the OBPL will be able to expand its reach and offer a variety of innovative programming to the community. Devoting more time to

programs has turned our library into more of a community center. We are proud to be the hub of the town. The OBPL had become a place where people and ideas come together.



### Adult Services

Let's start large. Mini Golf made a fantastic return last winter. Hundreds of people, many of whom had never visited the OBPL before, played our 18-hole course, enjoyed delicious food from Skinny's Fat Sandwiches and wine and beer donated by Our Market. The Library Friends of Oak Bluffs (LFOB) sponsored the food served at the event, and an anonymous donor sponsored the mini golf itself. Staff and volunteers decorated the golf course, which took up the entire library, and also hosted the two-day event.



"Let's have a luau," Sondra said at a staff meeting and by the end of the day plans were in motion for a Hawaiian-themed extravaganza. A 15-piece ukulele band played, staff greeted guests with flower lei, photographer Ralph Stewart volunteered to capture "vacation" photos of the guests against an ocean backdrop with a smiling (and young) Elvis from "Blue Hawaii." Mock Mojitos were



served along with a whole roasted pig from Everett Whiting of Local Smoke, sponsored by LFOB. A pig being smoked right on the OBPL lawn attracted lots of attention, to say the least. Luau games included a Tacky Tourist Relay Race, Hawaii Trivia, and a Hula Hoop competition.



Geek the Library, a national program celebrating what people love about their local library, included professional photographs by Eli Dagostino who devoted countless hours. One hundred people from our community were photographed with the simple phrase, "I Geek \_\_\_\_" across the bottom. A huge gallery-style art opening was held to show off the photographs. It was quite spectacular.



We tested the waters with our own version of Shark Week with four diverse events: the United States Coast Guard came ashore for an important boating safety talk; "Jaws" movie and trivia night was packed with fans; a presentation titled "Sharks: Misunderstood" balanced the debate; and a sports clinic from nine MV Sharks baseball players filled our lawn with the future stars of the game.

If large crowds were the only measure of success, we could stop there. We certainly draw large crowds! But it is the smaller, more intimate programs that have a greater, more direct impact on our year-round community.

Each week, for the past eight years, a group of Scrabble and chess players have met in our Meeting Room. They welcome anyone who would like to join them in spirited and friendly competition. Saturday morning would not be the same without them just as Wednesday morning would seem odd without our Coffee Time. Tony's Market has generously donated coffee and baked goods each week for our Coffee Time – the best kept secret in town.

Our book clubs are always evolving, riding the waves of trends to keep current, as well as reading the classics. The Cloak and Dagger Literary Society was a big success with mystery readers, and the Forever Young Book Club, for adults who read Young Adult fiction has attracted a younger set of patrons. We now offer four different book groups where members' suggestions drive the selections.



Technology programs are essential for adults as they often feel left behind in a super-high speed world. One-on-one help is always available and programs such as Computer Basics, eBay, Pinterest, Apple products, and more have become part of our regular schedule. Tech Soup every other week had a wide variety of topics.

If you came into the OBPL in October, you couldn't help but notice our Kurt Vonnegut display. On loan from the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library, Indianapolis, Ind., the display included his Purple Heart, the manual typewriter Mr. Vonnegut used to create his award-winning novels, as well as desk where he sat. To celebrate Vonnegut, the book club read, "God Bless You, Dr. Kevorkian" and the staff produced and acted, "Who Am I This Time," a one-act play based on a Vonnegut short story.

Speaking of live performance, an appreciative audience attended October's "Dark Passages," an evening of scary stories read by a staff person and members of the community. Word spread quickly and many people promised to attend the next staged reading. Look for more live theatre in the future.



This year we also added to our Mental Health Collection to address a need in the community. Many of these books weren't in the CLAMS system, so we are the only library to own them. This important collection was announced at a program on mental illness titled "In Our Own Voice," sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). NAMI brought in speakers to speak on their experience with mental illness and showed a video. We hope to continue to expand this resource in the years to come.



The Meeting Room, Conference Room, Children's Program Room, as well as small nooks and tables in the OBPL are used by many groups from all over the Island. In fact our OBPL hosted 599 groups in our building in 2014. The building itself can't contain all the programs, so we expanded outside to the lawn. Were you among the 75 people who watched goats munch on the weeds this past fall? Goatscape Landscaping brought their finest and answered questions about their crew! Or perhaps you brought a blanket and sat on the lawn at one of our Backyard Music Concerts? The Brother's Rye Jug Band came here twice; both concerts were sponsored by the LFOB.

People Island-wide are talking about our wonderful library. Both Island newspapers have run many stories highlighting our work, and we are most grateful. Visitors to the Ag Fair in August couldn't miss our display because it sported a blue ribbon! For the second time in as many years, we won a blue ribbon. We are already making top-secret plans for this August.

So many programs and so little space to brag about them: Ice Cream Social and A Cappella concert with the Vineyard Sound, sponsored by LFOB; Curious Minds series with Holly Nadler; Tartan Day; Green Thumb Garden Club; authors, authors, and more authors; everything you've ever wanted to know about skunks with Luanne Johnson; Fossil Day returned with a crowd of over 150, thanks to Fred Hotchkiss' devotion to the cause; Ugly

Christmas Sweater Contest; and National Hot Chocolate Day are just a few of the amazing programs we offered this year for adults.

### Youth Services

For our youngest patrons, Zoe made it her mission to offer a program almost every day of the week! She started a Book Babies storytime, with immense success throughout the year. This devoted group of babies and their caregivers has made the program the most successful, and cutest, storytime we offer!



This year we had all the annual programs we've become known for, such as the Halloween Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Stuffed Animal Sleepover, Illumination Lantern decorating, and the Summer Reading Kickoff. All these programs draw huge crowds, and are our tried-and-true programs, but this year we also tried a lot of new and exciting things, such as a Stuffed Animal Vet Clinic with Dr. Kirsten Sauter and her amazing crew of assistants who performed diagnostics and routine check-ups on over 60 stuffed animals! We also hosted Maze Day, turning the entire first floor into a giant maze created by local students and brought to us by Alex Palmer. We had Cookie Decorating, with cookies baked by LFOB member el Edwards, many times this year, always drawing a crowd of almost 100! During the spring we raised butterflies from caterpillars and released them into our yard, planted seeds for the kids to take home to their own gardens, had a luau just for the kids, and had a birthday party for Zoe! Sondra brought her yoga class to the Tisbury School at their first "Wellness Day," and taught several classes throughout the day to 80 children. We had many themed craft programs, including crafts for teens and monthly tie-dye events throughout the warmer months. Christmas in July,





featuring Bill McGrath as the jolly man himself was a huge hit! Other summer programs included a baseball clinic with the MV Sharks, two comic book character workshops with Paul Merklein, Improv for Kids and Art classes with Siobhan Beasely, a visit from the storybook character Ladybug Girl, a Teen Lock-in until midnight in the OBPL, Tough-a-Truck with vehicles from the Police Department and the Highway Department, a Flying Horses Storywalk with a free ride on the Carousel, several author visits, and weekly yoga classes with Sondra!



One of the biggest efforts throughout the year was to team up with Lynn VanAuken, the Oak Bluffs School Librarian, to read stories and visit with each class. Thanks to Zoe and Lynn's teamwork throughout the year, we signed up a record amount of Summer Reading Program participants!

If we've left out your favorite program, we apologize, but don't expect the list to be shorter next year! We are already planning bigger and better programs for our community. Please join us.

Thank you to all who volunteer their time to our OBPL, we couldn't do it without you! Our volunteers this year include: Amber Hunt, Shelley Brown, Sara Crafts,

Anne Cummings, Roger Morris, Tom Warburton, el Edwards, Muriel O'Rourke, Cindy Harriman, Jim Westervelt, Talene Bush, Camilla Prata, and Marisa Higham.



### **Library Friends of Oak Bluffs**

Thanks to the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs and its Steering Committee, who plan and carry out fundraising and membership development activities, provide support for programs, activities and outreach throughout the year.

The Officers of the 2014 LFOB are:

Colleen Morris, President  
Abraham Seiman, Vice President  
el edwards, Vice President  
Ron Zentner, Treasurer  
Marilyn Miller, Clerk

Year-round volunteers include:

Betty Daniels	Patience Campbell
Mimi Davisson	Betsy Marshall
Muriel O'Rourke	Rachel Seiman
Lois Virtue	Les Woodcock

### **Fundraising and Membership Activities:**

These activities and purchases that benefit the programs and services of the OBPL were made possible by community support for the LFOB. The Friends are extremely gratified by the generous response to their annual fund-raising and membership drive and Annual Book Sale. Thanks to their contributors, the Friends were able to expand support to the OBPL in 2015. The generous group of volunteers looks forward to supporting Staff in developing Adult programming, Community outreach, and promoting technology development for staff and patrons.

The Library Friends of Oak Bluffs is a community organization made up of volunteers, from all walks of life, who share an appreciation and love of the OBPL. All are welcome to join by becoming supporting or active

members. The Friends welcome your membership, moral and financial support, and participation in developing Friends programs and events to further support the Oak Bluffs Public Library.

The Friends' mission is to promote the OBPL as an active, dynamic education and information center in the Community and to support and to enhance the OBPL's programs, services and collections.

The Friends can be reached at  
libraryFriendsOB@gmail.com or

PO Box 1421, Oak Bluffs.

**Statistics:**

Total Circulation: 189,306

Annual Attendance: 75,290

Group Room Use: 599

Reference Questions: 7,641

Number of Children's Programs: 284

Children's Program Attendance: 7,654

Number of Adult Programs: 280

Adult Program Attendance: 3,674

Number of Registered Borrowers: 10,462

Facebook Likes: 865

**Staff:**

Director: Sondra Murphy

Reference Librarian: Mikaela Wolfe

Children's Librarian: Zoe Thompson

Administrative Assistant/Acquisitions Associate:

Rosemary Hildreth

Circulation Manager: Anna Marie D'Addarie

Library Assistants: Pamela Speir, Jonathan Burke

OBPL Aides: Eric Alexander, Pam Melrose, Carolina

Cooney, Mary Jane Aldrich, Amber Hunt, Anna Gandara,

Andrea Figaratto

Special Thanks to Raymond Moreis of the Highway Department

**Board of Trustees:**

Chairperson: Robert Huss/Peter Palches

Board Members: Shelley Brown, Beatrice Breen, Ann Ross, Lloyd Henke, and Deirdre Bohan

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Selectmen, Town Administrator Bob Whritenour, the Library Trustees, the OBPL Staff, and our amazing patrons, for all their undying support and enthusiasm for always being supportive of the programs and initiative we think up. If there wasn't such undying support for this library, we wouldn't be what we are today.

Respectfully submitted,

SONDRA MURPHY  
Library Director

# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

## BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

We, the Board of Health respectfully submit our  
annual report for the calendar year 2014.

The following is a list of services provided by the  
Board of Health and its agent during 2014:

• Soil Evaluations .....	122
• Food Permit Inspections and follow-up.....	188
• Septic Inspections (field) .....	80
• Septic Designs.....	80
• Building Permit Application Reviews .....	85
• Condemnations .....	1
• Complaint Investigations and follow-up.....	175
• Technical Assistance Requests .....	1222

• Training/Workshops .....	13
• Water/Beach Testing Reports .....	32
• Recreational Camp Inspections and follow-up.....	10
• Swimming Pool Inspections and follow-up.....	4
• Food Product Recalls .....	92
• Board of Health Meetings .....	27
• Pumpout permits .....	241
• Food Service Permits .....	77

Total Revenue for the calendar year 2014: .....\$66, 758.50

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM WHITE, Chairman  
PATRICIA BERGERON  
JOHN CAMPBELL



## COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The Council on Aging (COA) has on staff an Acting Director, Rose Cogliano, who is responsible for the day to day operations of the Council. The Acting Director facilitates program development, prepares and implements a monthly calendar of activities that is distributed at the Council, published in the 55 Times issue monthly, and is available as part of the Friends of Oak Bluffs Council on Aging monthly newsletter.

Susan von Steiger is the Council on Aging's Outreach Coordinator. Mrs. von Steiger works with seniors in their homes, and also with Elder Services to ensure that our seniors receive necessary services. Hospital visits, medical visits, home visits, daily client calls, office visits, meeting various needs of clients are all part of our Outreach Coordinator's day. In addition to coordination of the CORE counselling program for Oak Bluffs, Mrs. von Steiger works in concert with the Oak Bluffs Police pertaining to emergency situations.

Monthly activities at the center include blood pressure, foot care, and hearing clinics, commodities distribution, Men's and Ladies Luncheons, SHINE, and Social Security Video Display Program. One Wednesday a month bingo is offered at 1:00pm, and 6:00pm.

Weekly activities consist of board games, bridge groups and lessons, card games, computer use, chair caning, "conversations", exercise classes, Mah Jong, morning coffee, puzzles. We offer equipment available for exercise use. In addition, Summer brings us knitting and line dancing.

We offer appointments for AARP Tax Preparation each Winter and Spring. Every Fall during the Bass and Blue Fish Derby we bag and distribute fish to seniors.

There are other services offered by the center, among them bus passes, help with applications for fuel assistance, help with food stamp applications, medical transport coordination with Martha's Vineyard Center for Living.

In August of 2014 our first Open House took place, thanks to the collaborative efforts of our Friends of Oak Bluffs Council on Aging (FOBCOA) group and Board of Directors. This will now be a yearly event every August.

The Oak Bluffs Highway Department assists and works with us on a daily basis. We are grateful for the continued support of Highway Superintendent Richard Combra, Office Administrator Nicole Morey, Highway Forman Chris Gibson, Custodian Mac Starks, and the entire department.

The Friends of the Oak Bluffs Council on Aging are an important and integral part of the council. They raise funds, receive donations, and hold membership drives to help the council with its various needs. FOBCOA this year purchased new faux wooden blinds for our meeting room, and undertook a landscape beautification project on our grounds. Under the guidance of President Leo Gagnon, they are also responsible for the production and distribution of our monthly newsletter available both on-line and at the council.

The Officers of the Friends of the Oak Bluffs Council on Aging are:

Leo Gagnon, President  
Carol Zittel, Vice-President  
Karen Achille, Secretary  
Sandra Blythe, Treasurer

We would like to thank all the people, groups, and businesses who have generously donated to the Council on Aging this past year. Among them are: Dip 'N Donuts, Richard Giordano, The Gleaners, On Kennebec, Cash & Carry, Robert Reed, Stop & Shop, and MV Times.

The Oak Bluffs Council on Aging welcomes all Island seniors to join us in our various activities.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSE M. COGLIANO, Acting Director

Board of Directors,  
ROBERT BLYTHE, JR., Chairman  
KAREN ACHILLE, Vice-Chairman  
SANDRA BLYTHE, Secretary  
FRANCIS BERNARD  
LEO GAGNON  
JACQUELINE HUNT  
ABRAHAM SEIMAN  
WALTER VAIL

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

### **Mission statement:**

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living provides services that promote dignity; self-worth, self-sufficiency and a life lived to its fullest potential.

Most recent census figures indicate that Dukes County is the second fastest growing county, and the fastest aging County in the Massachusetts. Between 2000 and 2010, the 60+ population here grew by nearly 50%. Of this population, the fastest growing age group is 80 – 90 year olds. Nationally, by 2050, the number of people over 65 will grow from 40 million (13%) to 89 million (20%) and up to 16 million will be diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

Locally, the way we address and plan for the needs of this growing population is critical. From transportation to health care, housing, information dissemination, education, and long term care (nursing and assisted living facilities). These issues not only affect the 60+ population, but the entire range of the population and the overall economy of Martha's Vineyard.

The Healthy Aging Task Force was established in 2013, under the Dukes County Health Council. In 2014, this Task Force, engaging a large number of professionals and interested community members, began and continues to look at and find ways to address the growing needs; how the Vineyard, as one community, can prepare for the social and fiscal challenges ahead to support and enhance the lives of our aging population. Martha's Vineyard Center for Living staff and board members are active participants and partners in the Healthy Aging Task Force work and mission.

### **Martha's Vineyard Center for Living programs and services:**

#### **Supportive Day Program:**

The Supportive Day Program (SDP) is a professionally run social program for individuals who would be at risk if left alone and are unable to participate in, or access the services offered through general Senior Center programming and activities. Of equal importance is the respite provided for families and caregivers. Many of the clients of the SDP suffer from various and sometimes multiple conditions and/or diseases, including Alzheimer's disease, but wish to and are being cared for at home. The program operates 4 days per week (Monday & Wednesday at the Anchors Senior Center in Edgartown; Tuesday and Friday at the Tisbury Senior Center) and includes nutritious meals and snacks, a wide range of engaging activities tailored to individual capacity, exercise programs and most importantly, loving, careful attention to individual needs of our clients, on both a physical and emotional level. Transportation is available.

The Supportive Day Program continues to be stretched to the limits of space and staffing capacity. In 2014, 35 individuals, their families and caregivers were served; providing over 20,000 hours of quality care and respite for families and caregivers. At \$40 for full day and \$30 for half day attendance, this is a highly cost effective and affordable alternative to private in-home care and/or long term care (nursing home) costs. The Supportive Day program partners with families in the care of their loved ones at home; to extend and enhance that safe, nurturing environment into the community.

#### **Medical Taxi (transportation to off-Island medical appointments):**

In FY2014, the Medical Taxi program provided 183 Islanders (unduplicated) with transportation (805 one way trips) to medical appointments throughout Cape Cod. This program was funded with a \$6,000 grant from Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands and \$3,658 in donations from participants. Every year additional funding must be sought through community grants and donations in order to keep this vital program going. MV Center for Living provides management and administrative support. All grants and donations go toward the direct cost of this service. In addition, MVC4L collaborates with the Vineyard Transit Authority and the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority link islanders with alternative transportation to medical appointments both on and off-island. In 2015, the goal is to shift more of these trips to the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority as a natural and necessary extension of the Vineyard Transit Authority, as a more cost effective way of providing these services

#### **Emergency Food Program:**

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living is the designated island sponsor and lead member of the Greater Boston Food Bank Emergency Food Distribution Program on the island. As such MVC4L coordinates five designated "Emergency Food Cupboards" (four Senior Centers and the Serving Hands Pantry, located at the Baptist Church Parish House on Williams St. in Vineyard Haven). On a monthly basis, each of the 5 sites orders a variety of nutritious foods from the Greater Boston Food Bank warehouse in Boston. MV Center for Living is responsible for coordinating the pick up and delivery of these shipments for distribution to needy islanders of all ages.

Island Food Products (IFP) picks up our orders every month at the Greater Boston Food Bank in one of their refrigerated trucks. Because of their generosity, we have been able to increase the amount and quality of the food we distribute. It is estimated that the value of the service that IFP provides to this program, in time, travel, personnel and equipment, is approximately \$22,000. In 2014, over 55,000 pounds of food (canned, fresh and frozen) valued at nearly



\$53,000 was brought to the island from the Greater Boston food Bank and distributed through the emergency food program. The program serves over 200 households or approximately 275 individual islanders, including children and elders every month.

There is a great deal of other local support for this program. The Island Grown Initiative Gleaning program harvests and brings to each distribution site, fresh produce gleaned from local farms during the harvest season. Our local Stop & Shop stores have designated the Emergency Food Program as the recipient organization for their “Meat the Needs” program. At the end of each day, meats and meat products that are about to go past the sell date are frozen; IFP picks them up once a week and holds them in their freezer until they can be distributed along with the regular monthly distribution. In 2014, Stop & Shop donated a total of 1,155 pounds of meat, valued at \$7,981. In addition, the Stop & Shop “Food for Friends Program” donated their charity food boxes (an assortment of non-perishable items), which were sold during the November & December holiday season. In 2014 we received 300 boxes which were a great supplement to what we received from the Greater Boston Food Bank for our holiday distributions in November and December. The Emergency Food Program also receives the proceeds from the sale of “Food for Friends” boxes (\$10 per box).

**55PLUS Times: Information and Referral** The 55PLUS Times is a comprehensive resource with information pertaining to programs and services available to all 55+ Islanders and their families. It is published in the Martha’s Vineyard Times on the last Thursday of each month.

**Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living Online:** [www.mvcenter4living.org](http://www.mvcenter4living.org) This website provides an online resource for information about the services we provide. In addition, it provides an on-line local search capability with links to the “Network of Providers”; the many agencies on Martha’s Vineyard that provide a wide range of services to 55+ islanders.

#### **Older Americans Act:**

The Elder Services Nutrition Program, under the Older Americans Act (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Centers), is supported financially by the six Vineyard towns through the Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living budget. In FY2014, the towns on Martha’s Vineyard contributed a combined total of \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition

program. The demand for Nutrition Program services, in particular the Meals on Wheels program has increased greatly in recent years; as the census figures indicate, it is anticipated this trend will continue.

#### **Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Luncheon Program:**

Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living coordinates with the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Culinary Arts Department to offer a three course gourmet meal for \$12 per person once a month in the Culinary Arts dining room at the High School. Students plan, prepare and serve the meal, and talented students from the Music Department provide entertainment. Between 30 and 40 seniors attend these events on a monthly basis. Proceeds go to the Culinary Arts Department.

#### **Home Delivered Holiday Meals:**

Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living coordinates and provides funding for the home delivered holiday meal program, providing a home delivered meal to seniors who are alone and/or homebound on the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter holidays. The Martha’s Vineyard Hospital food service prepares and packages between 70 and 80 meals on each of these holidays. The local Councils on Aging coordinate the volunteers to deliver the meals in their towns.

#### **FEMA:**

Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living is designated to receive and allocate, when available, Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) funds that are earmarked to assist low-income seniors with overdue utility bills and rent or mortgage payments when all other resources have been exhausted. In FY14, under the National Emergency Food and Shelter Program Phase 31, we were allocated \$2744 and were able to assist 8 households, paying 10 past due rent and/or utility bills.

Through Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living programs and services, 55+ islanders have benefited from the generous support, both financial and in spirit, of the town Boards of Selectmen, Finance Committees, Councils on Aging, other municipal agencies and the community at large. The on-going support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE CLAPP  
Executive Director



## Maetha's Vineyard Center for Living FY2013-2014

Oak Bluffs statistics:

### Supportive Day Program:

Served 14 Oak Bluffs clients and their families from 2012 to the present out of 35 clients (50%)

1. 75 hours of care (average per week) for OB clients
2. Value of SDP to OB clients per week: \$2,250 (at \$30 per hour private duty home care)
3. Annual value of SDP to OB clients is \$117,500

### Emergency Food Program:

(total distribution 65,188 lbs)

Oak Bluffs distributes the second highest volume of food of all 5 sites

1. Distributed 17,993 pounds of food in 2013 (27%)
2. Valued at \$19,067

### Medical Taxi Program: (total cost of program \$24,695 including administration)

1. 77 OB residents made use of this service in 2013 (unduplicated)
2. 340 one way trips at an average cost of \$25 per trip
3. Value of service to OB residents \$8,500

### 55Plus Times (annual cost \$7,200)

1. Published monthly in the MV Times, reaches every person with a mailing address on MV

### In 2013 & 2014 MV Center for Living received the following grants in support of various programs:

1. \$6,000 (each year) from Elder Services of Cape Cod & Islands for Medical Taxi Program.
2. \$2,000 (each year) from Project Bread for the Emergency Food Program
3. \$2,000 (2013) from Farm Neck for Dementia Care Training and Consultation
4. \$5,000 (2013) from MV Hospital Community Initiatives for Medical Taxi Program.

Census Figures	2000	2010	%increase
Aquinnah	46	64	39.10%
Chilmark	197	305	54.80%
Edgartown	625	959	53.40%
<b>Oak Bluffs</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>1109</b>	<b>64.80%</b>
Tisbury	817	940	15.10%
West Tisbury	334	669	100.30%
<b>Total 60+</b>	<b>2692</b>	<b>4046</b>	

# PLANNING AND LAND USE

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

3242.7 acres, representing 5.6% of Martha's Vineyard, have been conserved by the Land Bank since voters created it in 1986. Please visit them; maps are available at town halls and libraries; online at [www.mvlandbank.com](http://www.mvlandbank.com); and at the Land Bank office in Edgartown.

### Acquisitions

A complicated exchange – involving Howard Hillman, the Land Bank and the town of Chilmark — was consummated. It was prompted by a planned swap between the town and Mr. Hillman; the Land Bank was involved because some of its land was intertwined with the town's. Because the outcome for the town was to be land for affordable housing, and because none of the Land Bank's goals here was jeopardized, the Land Bank agreed to participate. In the end, the Land Bank's *Tiasquam Valley Reservation* increased by 6.4 acres, at no acquisition expense.

*Whippoorwill Farm*, 4.7 acres in West Tisbury, was conserved using an agricultural preservation restriction. As part of the transaction, farmer Andrew Woodruff opened a scenic vista between the Old County and Old Holmes Hole Roads. The price was \$200,380.

The Land Bank purchased, at tax auction for \$23,570, a 0.1-acre property on Chappaquiddick Avenue in Edgartown, in order to create a trail link into the *Three Ponds Reservation*.

Perhaps no other Land Bank reservation has resulted from so much land assembly as has the *Wapatequa Woods Reservation* in Oak Bluffs and Tisbury. From its modest start in 1988 as a 14.0-acre woodlot, the protected area now comprises 188.2 acres. Some 36.1 of those acres were acquired in 2014 from George Fisher, at a price of \$925,000. Mr. Fisher's dwelling there has been converted into a caretaker's cottage and its residents oversee the reservation in exchange for rent.

A 12.7-acre sheep pasture in Chilmark was conserved via the gift of an agricultural preservation restriction from Clark and Pamela Goff. *Goff Farm* will continue to be owned by the family, which will lease it out for farming.

In addition, the Land Bank continued to pursue partial interests in properties across the island.

### Land management

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many Land Bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Cove

Meadow Preserve, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manauyak Preserve, Pecoy Point Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation, Quammox Preserve, Short Cove Preserve, Trade Wind Fields Preserve, Wapatequa Woods Reservation and the Waskosim's Rock Reservation.

Management plans for the Doug's Cove Preserve and Short Cove Preserve were approved under both the Land Bank law and the endangered species law; pending is the plan for the Cove Meadow Preserve. The Toms Neck Preserve, scheduled to be acquired in 2015, was extensively studied and permits were obtained for implementing the management plan. A forestry plan for the Wapatequa Woods Reservation was commenced.

Invasive species at the Pecoy Point Preserve were removed, in hopes that the northern gamma grass will expand into the newly opened areas. The Land Bank employed a goat herd to graze down overgrowing fields at the Fulling Mill Brook Preserve, Old County Arboretum and Waskosim's Rock Reservation.

New properties were opened. The Land Bank staff installed a trailhead at the Doug's Cove Preserve and cut a trail there straddling the Lagoon Pond and the salt-pond behind it. Another straddling trail, this time between the Tisbury Great Pond and a landward sheep pasture, was also opened; comprising some two miles in length, it is accessed by an expanded trailhead on the Tiah's Cove Road as part of the Short Cove Preserve. The Toad Rock Preserve was opened, including its trail atop Surveyors Hill, with its views of the Squibnocket Pond and Atlantic Ocean.

Trail systems were expanded or improved on and near existing properties. Muskoday Farm was linked to the Katama Road; a loop around the pondside pasture at the Tiasquam Valley Reservation (east) was cut. Old Courthouse Road and Pine Hill Road were connected at Square Field. Erosion on the steep slope down to the beach at the Great Rock Bight Preserve was healed.

The Land Bank field crew continued ongoing maintenance on various Land Bank properties across the island.

### Cross-island hike

The Land Bank's twenty-second annual cross-island hike celebrating National Trails Day — annually the first Saturday in June — witnessed a few "firsts" this year. A record 100 hikers started at Lambert's Cove Beach and a record 37 completed the entire 16.8 mile hike at the Chilmark Pond Preserve. Among the hikers was an eight-

year-old from California, the youngest person ever to complete one of the Land Bank's cross-island treks.

#### Budget and related matters

The following chart synthesizes the Land Bank's annual

	fiscal year 2014 budgeted cash amount and percentage of total
revenues	\$7,000,000
administrative expenses	(\$ 487,145) 6%
land management expenses	(\$ 839,516) 10%
debt service expenses	(\$6,716,028) 84%
reserve expenses	(\$ 30,000) 0%
transferred funds	\$1,072,689
unencumbered new receipts	\$ 0

Transferred funds are receipts from previous fiscal years to be utilized for current debt service. As of December 1, 2014 the Land Bank treasury contained an unencumbered \$8,989,567.39

The asterisk (\*) indicates the Land Bank's revenue projection.

#### Gifts

The Land Bank gratefully accepted several gifts of cash: \$193,537.07 from the Chappaquiddick Open Space Committee; \$1300 from Kimberly Cartwright and T. Ewell Hopkins, Jr.; \$1000 from the Aquinnah / Gay Head Community Association; \$100 from Tammy Kallman in memory of Wayne Kallman; and \$100 from Rebekah Zanditon and David Rogers.

#### Transfer fee revenues

Fiscal Year 2014 transfer fee revenues were:

	transfer fee revenues received July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014	percent of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$ 106,701	1 %
Chilmark Fund	\$ 580,354	6 %
Edgartown Fund	\$ 2,286,025	23 %
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$ 677,933	7 %
Tisbury Fund	\$ 934,652	9 %

finances. Anyone wishing to read the budget in its entirety, which includes a narrative describing the purpose of each line item expenditure, is welcome to obtain a copy at the Land Bank office:

	fiscal year 2014 actual cash amount and percentage of total	fiscal year 2015 budgeted cash amount and percentage of total
	\$10,003,803	\$8,500,000*
	(\$ 498,755) 5%	(\$ 511,888) 6%
	(\$ 794,238) 8%	(\$ 864,586) 10%
	(\$ 6,381,500) 64%	(\$6,842,928) 81%
		(\$ 30,000) 0%
	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$ 2,329,309 23%	\$ 250,598 3%

West Tisbury Fund	\$ 446,856	4 %
central fund	\$ 5,032,520	50%
	\$ 10,065,040	100%

This represented a 12% increase over the previous year.

#### Commissioners and staff

2014 saw the departure of two long-time Land Bank commissioners, who between them had served, with distinction, a total of 44 years: Edith Potter, representing the commonwealth; and Thomas Robinson, representing the town of Tisbury.

The Land Bank commission comprises the following members: Pamela Goff, Chilmark; Glenn Hearn, West Tisbury; John Anthony Nevin, Tisbury; Priscilla Sylvia, Oak Bluffs; Sarah Thulin, Aquinnah; and Edward Vincent, Jr., Edgartown. The year-round Land Bank staff comprises the following individuals: Matthew Dix, foreman; James Dropick, conservation land assistant; Jean-Marc Dupon, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, administrative assistant; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; Cynthia Krauss, fiscal officer; James Lengyel, executive director; and Julie Russell, ecologist.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES LENGYEL  
Executive Director



## MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

This report summarizes the 2014 activities of the Martha's Vineyard Commission for the Island as a whole and for Oak Bluffs.

In 2014, the MVC worked with Island towns to complete a Hazard Mitigation Plan aimed at reducing future damage by preparing for storms and other natural disasters, outlined how towns can use zoning to promote more affordable and community housing, adopted a District of Critical Planning Concern to allow towns to reduce excessive use of nitrogen-based fertilizers that pollute coastal ponds, began an effort to protect the scenic qualities of Island roads, and worked with towns on a variety of other projects dealing with transportation, climate change, and community and economic development. Thirty four development projects were referred to the MVC for regulatory review.

The seventeen-member Commission is made up of nine Commissioners elected bi-annually to represent the public, and eight appointees – one each by the Governor, County Commission, and the six Vineyard Boards of Selectmen. The Commission is supported by a professional staff of ten. MVC Executive Director announced his retirement in summer 2015 and a Search Committee is at work. More detail is provided below and is available on the Commission's website: [www.mvcommission.org](http://www.mvcommission.org).

**Affordable Housing:** The MVC supports a variety of affordable housing efforts.

- **Affordable and Community Housing Zoning Analysis:** As a follow-up to the 2009 Island Plan and 2013 Housing Needs Assessment, the MVC published a comprehensive resource document that identifies 28 zoning tools that could be used to promote, create, and preserve housing that responds to the needs of the Island's population unmet by market-rate housing. In collaboration with the Healthy Aging Task Force, MVC staff presented the Zoning Analysis to all six planning boards and five affordable housing committees. MVC staff provided technical assistance supporting Chilmark's consideration of an Accessory Apartment Zoning By-law for affordable housing, modeled after West Tisbury's successful effort.
- **Community Development Block Grants:** The MVC assisted five towns' boards of Selectmen with FY2015 Department of Housing and Community Development's CDBG Applications (prepared by Bailey Boyd Associates) by drafting Community Development Strategies, gathering supplemental materials, and coordinating public hearings. The Island has received approximately 20 million dollars in CDBG funds providing

almost 350 income-qualified homeowners with critical home repairs and about 210 families with childcare subsidies.

- **(DHCD) Five Year Plan on Housing Needs:** MVC staff submitted a letter about the Department of Housing & Community Development's update of the statewide plan emphasizing the particular needs of Martha's Vineyard, and solicited comments from towns and other agencies.

**Climate Change, Coastal, Ocean, and Hazard Planning:** The MVC works with towns, the Commonwealth, and federal agencies on planning coastal areas, ocean conservation and development and mitigating natural hazards that threaten the Island.

- **Climate Change:** MVC staff investigated the impacts of sea-level rise, other effects of climate change, and possible mitigation strategies, making presentations to town boards, various groups, and the general public. The focus is on how the Island can adapt to change by assessing vulnerability and planning for greater resiliency.
- **Hazard Management:** MVC staff worked closely with the seven Dukes County towns' Hazard Mitigation Planning Teams and the Dukes County Emergency Managers' Group on an update of the Dukes County Hazard Mitigation Plan, whose renewal keeps towns eligible for FEMA funding of mitigation measures. MVC staff prepared and presented vulnerability assessments and draft mitigation strategies to each town's Hazard Mitigation Team and the general public, achieving consensus on the strategies. The draft plan is being reviewed by MEMA and FEMA and final adoption is anticipated early in 2015.
- **Wetlands Vulnerability and Adaptation:** MVC staff initiated a program to assess the vulnerability of wetlands to the impacts of climate change, particularly inundation. Vulnerability assessments were completed, a working group of town and conservation representatives was established, and a sophisticated wetland elevation monitoring program was initiated.
- **Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan:** The MVC submitted comments on the draft revisions to the MOMP, calling for de-designation of the two large offshore commercial areas in Dukes County waters and recommending that the Commonwealth's pilot sand mining projects not be located here. The MVC Coastal Planner is the Governor's appointed representative for the Martha's Vineyard on the Massachusetts Ocean Advisory Commission, involved in the MOMP update.
- **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management:** The MVC, towns, and Tribe are members of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management: Massachusetts Task Force providing input into the federal government's plans for leasing for wind energy development on the Outer

Continental Shelf south of the Vineyard. MVC staff facilitated and participated in a local forum concerning leasing on the Outer Continental Shelf and provided comments asking for support for community benefits.

#### **Economic and Community Development**

- **Downtown Revitalization and Community Planning:** MVC staff is providing technical assistance for the Town of Oak Bluffs comprehensive Downtown Revitalization effort, the Oak Bluffs Downtown Streetscape Master Plan, and the Tisbury Visioning effort. Staff provided technical assistance to Tisbury to successfully apply for a state designation for the Vineyard Haven Harbor Cultural District, announced in May 2014. It also provided technical assistance to Oak Bluffs in drafting a Minimum Property Maintenance By-Law for Commercial Districts.
- **ArtsMV:** MVC staff provided support to the Martha's Vineyard Arts and Culture Collaborative on a number of initiatives to help stimulate the Vineyard economy, especially in the off-season. The MVC was lead grant-writer in funding a two-year effort to make October's Fall for the Arts a permanent and important marketing tool for Island events, working in collaboration with Cape and Islands' chambers of commerce. MVC Staff assisted our Chamber of Commerce in coordinating a series of events including a public forum with state and local representatives discussing the statewide Economic Impacts of Tourism, Arts and Culture.
- **Healthy Aging Task Force:** The MVC participates in and hosts meetings of the Task Force's Housing Work Group, provided financial support to and participated in formulation of a Healthy Aging Strategic Plan, and provided extensive data for this effort sponsored by the County.
- **Gosnold Long-Range Planning:** MVC staff developed a series of maps to assist the Town of Gosnold with long-range planning and efforts to acquire land for municipal purposes.
- **Plant Selector Guide:** The MVC collaborated with the Polly Hill Arboretum in its preparation of the Martha's Vineyard Plant Selector Guide, an online tool intended to guide municipalities, landscape architects, landscapers, and gardeners towards plants with excellent horticultural, ecological, and adaptive characteristics suitable for landscape uses on Martha's Vineyard.

**GIS:** The MVC geographic information systems staff provides spatial analysis and cartographic production to aid MVC and town planning efforts, including custom cartographic services to towns, organizations, and individuals.

- **Data Updates and Distribution:** The MVC maintains and continuously updates a county-wide GIS data warehouse and provides data to towns, consulting groups working on town projects, academics conducting research, state agencies, and local residents. This year, the MVC set up a new way to share GIS data using online interactive maps (ArcGIS Online). This was used to

create "Getting Around MV" for the County's Healthy Aging Task Force and Mass-In-Motion, highlighting non-automobile modes of transportation and providing hotlinks to more detailed information. The MVC provides the towns, business community and public with economic and demographic information from federal and state sources, responding to more than 400 requests.

**GIS/Mapping Software Installation, Training, and Support:** MVC staff provides technical support for the County's Island-wide GIS software contract, giving all Island towns and the MVC unlimited GIS software licensing at a fixed fee. Technical support to towns included software installs, on-site training, twice-monthly GIS how-to sessions, and technical support via phone and email.

**Transportation:** The MVC is responsible for transportation planning on the Vineyard, in association with the Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

- **Joint Transportation Committee:** The Commission facilitates meetings of the JTC, made up of appointees from each town and the County, to coordinate transportation planning on the Island.
- **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects:** Construction continued on the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge and the MVC worked with towns on design details and creation of a mini-park next to the bridge. The next local project using federal and state TIP funding is a project to realign the intersection of State and Old County roads in West Tisbury, with construction to begin in 2015. Since estimated costs were lower than originally expected, the JTC voted to use the remaining funds for a VTA bus purchase. The next project in the TIP queue involves improvements to the Edgartown – Vineyard Haven Road, focusing on drainage improvements in anticipation of more substantial changes in the future. Other planned projects are the reconstruction of Beach Road in Tisbury and Oak Bluffs to improve bicycle accommodations, a reconfiguration of the Tashmoo Overlook in Tisbury, and resurfacing bike paths in the State Forest.
- **Scenic Roads Initiative:** The MVC worked with Vineyard towns to set up an Island Roads Committee to look at how our scenic roads could be better protected and improved. MVC staff prepared an inventory of the physical characteristics of existing roads and a consultant was hired to advise on the approach and work program.
- **Alternative Modes:** The MVC staffs the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee, which advised the JTC and wider community on bicycling and pedestrian matters. It continued efforts to improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities, drafted a Complete Streets policy, and held an Island wide Complete Streets forum. Staff also provided technical support to an effort to improve



taxi regulations, initiated by the All-Island Selectmen. The MVC Transportation Planner gave presentations about the Vineyard's efforts to the Massachusetts Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Board and the Commonwealth's Moving Together Conference.

- **Trails Planning:** A portion of the MVC Senior Planner's time is contracted with the Land Bank to work with towns and landowners to protect and extend the Island's trail network. Staff worked with trails and byways committees from West Tisbury and Edgartown to restart Special Way DCPC nominations for at least five old ways. Trail management agreements were completed for trails in Edgartown and Oak Bluffs. Another dozen trail projects across the Island were pursued.
- **Data Collection:** During 2014, MVC staff conducted automatic traffic recording counts at approximately 50 locations, including several Shared Use Paths, and performed 26 Turning Movement Counts. Staff also conducted parking observation data of downtown Oak Bluffs and Vineyard Haven.

**Water Quality:** The Commission continued its scientific and community work helping to protect the Vineyard's water quality and especially our threatened coastal ponds.

- **Massachusetts Estuaries Project:** The Commonwealth's MEP carries out detailed modeling to indicate the extent of water quality problems in coastal ponds and help identify the most cost-effective way to solve them. The MVC provides extensive water-quality testing and land use data analysis as a basis for the MEP studies. The MVC also collected groundwater elevations for Katama Bay, Pocha Pond, Cape Pogue, Squibnocket, Menemsha, and the Upper and Lower Chilmark Pond watersheds. The MEP completed the preliminary reports for Chilmark and Tashmoo Ponds. MVC staff worked with the joint Sengekontacket Pond Committee, the Lagoon Pond Committee, and the Joint Lagoon Pond Watershed Wastewater Committee to devise plans to address excess nitrogen
- **Fertilizer Controls:** In 2014, the MVC completed its collaboration with towns' boards of health to enact local lawn fertilizer regulations as a low-cost tool to combat excess nitrogen in Vineyard coastal ponds. The MVC designated the Martha's Vineyard Lawn Fertilizer Control District of Critical Planning Concern and all six towns' Boards of Health and Town Meetings adopted uniform town regulations. The MVC also provided comments to the Commonwealth on draft statewide regulations which could affect the towns' newly adopted regulations and the use of nutrients for agricultural purposes.
- **Water Testing:** MVC staff took water samples of Farm, Sengekontacket, Lagoon, Tashmoo, Edgartown Great, and Tisbury Great Ponds. MVC staff assisted and collected samples with Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown as part of their Collaborative Nantucket

Sound Monitoring Program looking for pharmaceuticals in the coastal ponds.

- **Water Alliance and Associations:** The MVC Water Planner is an active participant in the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance, which meets monthly in the MVC offices, and all Island pond advisory committees.

**Collaboration:** The Commission facilitates collaboration on many fronts.

- **Education and Training:** The Commission hosted several courses and information sessions on topics of interest to town officials, the business community, and members of the general public including a parking conference, a course on *Vested Rights and Non-conforming Structures and Uses*, and a webinar on *Public Discourse for Public Agencies*. The MVC also makes available resource documents for loan to town planning boards.
- **Island Collaboration:** The MVC facilitates meetings of town boards and other organizations to foster exchange of information and collaboration, such as the Joint Affordable Housing Group, the All-Island Planning Boards, and the Island Conservation Commissions. The Commission provides town officials legislative updates, information about federal and state programs, grant opportunities, and workshops.
- **Inter-Regional Collaboration:** As an active member of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies, the MVC Executive Director meets monthly to discuss legislation and funding programs with senior Commonwealth officials, and to collaborate on many fronts.

#### **Regulatory Activities:**

- **DRIs:** Last year, 34 projects were reviewed in some manner by the MVC as Developments of Regional Impact, a process that generally results in considerable improvements to mitigate their environmental, traffic, and other impacts. Six of these projects were full DRIs reviewed with public hearings and approved with conditions. Fifteen were minor modifications of existing DRIs that were approved and remanded back to their towns without DRI public hearing review, 3 were projects referred to the MVC for concurrence review that were sent back to the town without DRI public hearing review, 3 were projects referred to the MVC for concurrence reviews and sent back to their towns without DRI review, 1 was a Discretionary Referral referred to the MVC that was sent back to the town without DRI review, 1 was a previously approved DRI returning for approval of the landscaping plan, 1 project was granted an extension, 1 project was withdrawn after eight public hearings before a decision was made, 1 project is on hold at the applicant's request, and 5 projects were under review at year's end.
- **DRI Map and Compliance:** MVC staff prepared a GIS map of all DRIs to help identification by town officials and members of the public, and to support town and



MVC planning efforts by looking at these properties in the context of various planning maps that might affect them. The DRI Compliance Committee met throughout the year to deal with various compliance issues.

- **DCPCs:** Districts of Critical Planning Concern are designated by the Commission to afford additional protection to sensitive areas, supporting special town regulations. In 2014, litigation regarding the Special Ways in Edgartown was settled in the Commission's favor. The MVC designated the Martha's Vineyard Lawn Fertilizer Control District and worked with Town of Aquinnah to amend the Town of Aquinnah District regulations.

**Finances:** The Commission's FY2014 income was \$1,403,556, of which 65% came from town assessments, 32% from grants and contracts, and 3% from other sources. Expenses were \$1,391,810 of which 54% was for salaries, 25% for salary-related costs, 5% for legal fees, and 16% for other expenses. The annual audit by an independent auditor showed fiscal soundness. The budget and audited financial statements are on the website.

#### **SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR OAK BLUFFS:**

In addition to the efforts described above, assisting the whole Island or all of the towns including Oak Bluffs, the MVC undertook the following activities in Oak Bluffs.

##### **Community Planning**

- **Downtown Revitalization:** MVC Staff assisted the Planning Board with the Oak Bluffs Downtown Streetscape Master Plan which is on-going. Staff participated in several meetings relating to connecting Shared Use Paths to the downtown business district, Park-and-Ride options, and the North Bluff Boardwalk Plans.
- **Planning & Zoning:** MVC Staff presented resource and planning documents to the Oak Bluffs Planning Board to help discussions relative to doing a Master Plan, and reviewed the draft Minimum Property Maintenance By-law for the B-1 and B-2 Business Districts (subsequently tabled after public hearing).

##### **Economic Development and Affordable Housing**

- **Grants:** MVC staff worked with the Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen to draft a Community Development Strategy for FY 2015 CDBG Grant Application for approximately \$900,000. Staff assisted the Town Administrator in drafting letter in preparation for DHCD's Five Year Plan on Housing Needs Statewide.

##### **Geographic Information Systems**

- **Mapping:** The MVC's GIS department supported various Oak Bluffs planning initiatives including the Coastal Climate Change Vulnerability study, the Streetscape Plan, Water Department planning, and the new on-line Assessor's data website, by providing the consultants with local GIS data. Maps were provided to the Conservation Commission for their Open Space Plan; the Planning Board for the parks planning and Windemere Road planning. The MVC provided zoning

and updated overlay zoning maps to the Building Inspector's office; maps depicting sales, neighborhood codes, and special calculations to the Assessor's Office; and event planning maps for the fireworks and Illumination Night events to the Police Department.

##### **Transportation**

- **Drawbridge:** The MVC facilitates the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge Committee. The project was advertised for construction by MassDOT, and construction is underway.
- **Transportation Improvement Program Project:** MVC staff is working with the Town and MassDOT in planning possible resurfacing and other improvements to the Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, to be financed with federal and state funds.
- **Data Collection:** The MVC conducted automatic traffic recording counts at 10 locations, and performed 9 Turning Movement Counts in Oak Bluffs during 2014. In addition, roadway measurement data was collected at 23 points on various roadways.
- **Other Transportation Technical Assistance:** MVC staff met with Roads and Byways Committee on various transportation related items, including providing input and a site visit on East Chop Drive area, and Cannonicus Road.

##### **Water Quality**

- **Water Sampling:** In cooperation with the Oak Bluffs Shellfish Department, MVC staff collected water quality samples and on-station field data from Sengekontacket, Lagoon, and Farm Ponds. MVC staff also assisted and collected samples with and for Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown as part of their Collaborative Nantucket Sound Monitoring Program looking for pharmaceuticals in the coastal ponds.
- **Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP):** MVC staff continues to meet with Oak Bluffs officials to review the MEP Lagoon Pond and Sengekontacket study findings and discuss options for mitigating nitrogen pollution. MVC staff is also meeting with town officials and the Friends of Farm Pond on the Tidal Restoration Project to implement the MEP recommendations. MVC staff also meets with Friends of Sengekontacket to discuss options for improving water quality in that Pond.
- **Community Assistance:** The MVC Water Resource Planner is an active member of the Joint Sengekontacket Committee, Joint Lagoon Pond Watershed Wastewater Committee, and the Friends of Sengekontacket. Staff has met with Wiggies Pond owners to help develop plan to address water quality issues in that pond.

##### **Regulatory Activities**

- **DRI:** Of the 8 Oak Bluffs projects referred to the MVC in 2014: 3 were full DRI's reviewed with a public hearing and approved with conditions (Bowling on Uncas Avenue, Expansion of the Nova Vida Alliance Church, and the Lagoon Ridge Subdivision); none were denied; 2 were minor modifications to existing DRI's that were approved

and remanded back to the Town without DRI public hearing review (paving a section of the MVTV driveway and lights on the Oak Bluffs fishing pier; 1 was a project referred to the MVC for a concurrence review that was sent back to the town without DRI review (Giniewicz addition to a multi-unit rental); 1 was a previously approved DRI returning to LUPC for approval of their landscape plan (Bowling on Uncas); and 1 was still under review at year's end (M.V. Community Services new building for the Island Wide Youth Collaborative).

**Staff Liaison**

- Economic Development and Affordable Housing Planner Christine Flynn is the main staff liaison with the Oak Bluffs Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED J. HANCOCK  
Member appointed by the  
Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen

JOHN BRECKENRIDGE  
Oak Bluffs elected  
Member-at-large

MARK LONDON  
Executive Director

## PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The year 2014 was a busy year and a year that brought great change to the Planning Board.

The Planning Board is managing the Streetscape Master Plan Project. We have formed a sub-committee of 9 people from various backgrounds to promote an unprecedented public outreach in an effort to revitalize our downtown. The Streetscape committee will be presenting final recommendations in the Spring of 2015 at a public hearing.

The Planning Board permitted a subdivision using the Towns Flexible Development bylaw. This was an opportunity to create affordable home ownership and stabilize a young family in our community.

In other business the Board worked closely with our Building Department to review many site plans and Form

A subdivisions. We are working together to begin a comprehensive review of our existing Zoning and special permitting requirements. We are working to promote a clear path to permitting that is simple to navigate and easy to understand.

In April 2014, Ewell Hopkins was elected to the Planning Board.

The members of the Planning Board would like to take this opportunity to thank John Bradford for his tireless service and his continuing support of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

BRIAN PACKISH, Chairman  
ERIK ALBERT  
KRISCHAVATAL  
BO FEHL  
EWELL HOPKINS



Fiscal Year 2015 Strategic Plan

*FY 2015 Strategic Planning Priorities*

*Projects*

1. Continue to Improve the Town's Financial Condition
2. Hire A Town Planner/Grant Writer
3. Build an Ocean-Front Boardwalk from the Harbor to the Steamship Pier
4. Improve Communication Both With Residents and Internally
5. Focus on Restoring and Preserving Water Quality in Coastal Ponds and Ocean Waters
6. Expand Bikeways
7. Develop a Park and Ride
8. Improve Beaches and the Waterfront
9. Organize Affordable Housing
10. Community Policing
11. Study Excise Taxes for Rental Cars

## Fiscal Year 2015 Strategic Plan

*FY 2015 Highlighted Projects**Projects*

1. Increase Organized Activities in the Shoulder Season
2. Better Enforcement of Existing Town Bylaws
3. Upgrade Niantic Park
4. Develop OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) Solutions
5. Continue Support of Harbor Improvements and Restoration
6. Focus on Restoring Water Quality in Coastal Ponds and Ocean Waters
7. Continue Senior Center Staffing Improvements
8. Improve Public Infrastructure in the Downtown and North Bluff Areas
9. Update and Modernize Trash Pickup to Include Curbside Recycling
10. Create Expanded Bike Paths
11. Improve Clean-up and Sanitation of Public Ways
12. Repair Sidewalks and Keep Clean
13. Pursue Green Community Status with Commonwealth
14. Focus on Improving Island Theater
15. Build a New Fire Station
16. Improve Tax Collection and Sale of Tax Title Properties
17. Address Town Ownership of Property in the Southern Woodlands
18. Update and Improve Town Website
19. Hire a Town Planner/Grant Writer
20. Promote a Customer Service Focus for Town Services
21. Build a New Town Hall
22. Investigate Options for Paid Parking to Help Free-up /parking Spaces in the Downtown Area

## Fiscal Year 2015 Strategic Plan

*FY 2015 Highlighted Projects**Project*

- 23.Community Policing
- 24.Improve Recreational Facilities and Hire a Full-Time Recreation Director
- 25.Promote the Master Planning Process
- 26.Develop a Plan to Move the Police Station and Use the Present Waterfront Site for Economic Development
- 27.Improve Comfort Stations
- 28.Engage in Succession Planning for Town Offices
- 29.Improve Communication Both With Residents and Internally
- 30.Develop a Park and Ride
- 31.Make Improvements to Beached and the Waterfront
- 32.Continue to Improve the Town's Financial Condition
- 33.Build an Ocean-Front Boardwalk from the Harbor to the Steamship Pier
- 34.Study Placing a Solar Power Array on the Closed and Capped Landfill
- 35.Organize Affordable Housing
- 36.Identify and Pursue Grant Funding to Support Town Priorities
- 37.Continue Organizational Review
- 38.Promote Adequate and Sustainable Educational Financing
- 39.Push FEMA to Provide Hurricane Sandy Disaster Assistance
- 40.Pursue Off-Shore Sand Mining for Beach Nourishment
- 41.Pursue Payment in Lieu of Taxers Agreements for Major Tax-Exempt Properties
- 42.Pursue Excise Taxes for Rental Cars



# VARIOUS REPORTS

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The Cemetery Commission is charged with ensuring the proper maintenance of Oak Grove Cemetery and facilitating improvements as needed. There are three members on the Commission. We are continuing to make progress on several important projects.

Problems with obtaining clean fill for the new 1.84 acre space slowed completion of this project, and we still have landscaping and paving to put in. The approximately 250 new spaces will be a mix of cremation and full burial plots. This will accommodate the town's needs for burial spaces for at least 10 years based on past patterns of usage and the nationwide preference for cremations which is now at over 40% of burials. We believe this will prove to be a very appealing option for Oak Bluffs residents.

Nicole Morey spent many months reconciling the new survey map of gravesites with our archive of paper records. A revised map has been ordered and we are waiting to receive that.

Plans for replacing the water line throughout the Cemetery have also been held up and we hope to see the completion of that project before summer of 2015.

In 2014 statistics are as follows:

6 full casket burials	1 cremation lot sold
16 cremains burials	8 quarter lots sold
1 cremation lot returned to the Town	

We want to thank the residents of Oak Bluffs who can take the time to help maintain their family plots as our summer support from the Highway Department is limited by meeting the demands of other important areas of town life. Please let us know if there are things that need attention. Our goal is to serve the people of Oak Bluffs by seeing that the Cemetery remains simple and graceful and comforting as it has always been.

Special thanks to the Highway Department personal for their hard work in maintaining the Cemetery, especially Nicole Morey. If you have questions or concerns about your family's records with the Cemetery please contact the Town Clerk's Office or Nicole Morey at the Highway Department Office. We welcome your input and suggestions for improvements to our Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE B. LAW III, Chairman  
LINDA WILSON  
JOHN TIERNAN

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The Oak Bluffs Historical Commission (OBHC) has continued to foster the preservation of historic structures, landmarks, artifacts, and the characteristic architectural styles of our town. We try to ensure the preservation of Oak Bluff's rich and unique historical heritage. We do this by reviewing requests for demolition of buildings built prior to 1914 and supporting projects brought to us for alternate funding or grants. We also try educate and promote pride in Oak Bluffs culture and diversity.

We have worked closely with the Building Department and our new Building Official, Mark Barbadoro, to review plans for demolitions of structures that are a hundred or more years old. The OBHC determines if the structure is "significant", and if it is deemed so, then a hearing is held. If at the hearing the structure is considered "preferably preserved", demolition may be delayed for up to six months to allow time for preservation on site or off. We meet with homeowners and architects to discuss ways to preserve or replicate details that would maintain the architectural integrity of existing historic neighborhoods. We may also recommend referral to the Cottage City Historic District Commission or the Martha's Vineyard Commission for further action.

We have no actual funding sources ourselves, but this year as in prior years, we have supported and given recommendations to other groups who have sought grants from the CPC and others in order to preserve Oak Bluffs landmarks. We are also still in the planning stages of

writing our own grant to preserve and catalog town archival records and artifacts located at the Oak Bluffs Public Library and Town Hall.

The OBHC still provides a popular Walking Tour of Oak Bluffs brochure for tourists and interested parties thanks to donations from The Oak Bluffs Association, Crossland Landscaping, daRosa's Printing Co, Edgartown National Band, the family of Mel and Fanny Patrick, the Pequot Hotel, Tony's Market, the Wesley Hotel and the MV Campmeeting Association. Copies are available at Town Hall, Visitor's Kiosk, and the Oak Bluffs Public Library. One day we hope to have it available online.

Our membership reflects a variety of outlooks and talent. As chairperson, I have been proud to work with them and share their devotion to Oak Bluffs. We happily welcomed Renee Balter back to our commission this year. We look forward to continuing to be proactive for the preservation of our exceptional community.

We are proud to be from OB!

Respectfully submitted,

PAMELA MELROSE, Chair  
JOYCE DRESSER, Secretary  
SUSAN THOMPSON  
ALISON SHAW  
SUSAN GAMBLE  
JIM DEARING  
RENEE BALTER

## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Oak Bluffs adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in 2005 in order to help preserve the Town's unique character and resources. Community Preservation funds are expended for projects in the three categories of community housing, open space and recreation, and historical preservation.

The role of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is to evaluate proposals for projects in these three areas and "offer recommendations for the creation and preservation of open space, historical properties, and community housing, thus preserving our heritage, providing for our families, and protecting our future" (from the CPC mission statement). Each year the town meeting votes on those projects which the Committee considers as having the highest priority, and which meet state guidelines for the program while staying within the financial resources available.

The Community Preservation Act projects are funded by a three percent (3%) surcharge on the Town's real estate taxes, which is matched by a yearly grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The State match is raised through fees from real estate transactions recorded with the State's Registries of Deeds. As of January 2015, legislation has been filed to adjust the income from the Registries to ensure the yearly match never falls below 50% for all CPA communities.

In 2014 the Town's 3% surcharge of \$487,346 was matched by a State grant of \$206,813, for a total of \$694,159 available for community preservation. The State match was 44%, down from 72% last year. In 2012 the legislature amended the CPA law to supplement the State's CPA Trust Fund each year with \$25 million from the State budget surplus, to be approved yearly depends on availability. In 2014, the surplus added to the Trust Fund was down to \$11.4 million. As of January, 2015, legislation has been filed to provide more dependable income to the State Trust Fund which would increase the State match.

Oak Bluffs CPA funds have supported a great number of important community projects, including restoration of the historic Ocean Park Bandstand, an affordable house built by Habitat for Humanity, and the complete renovation of Niantic Park. The Park Commissioners hope the Niantic Park project will start in the spring of 2015 and be completed by the summer of 2016, including a new

basketball court and an upgraded playground, for which a group of parents has raised additional money. Another CPA recreation project created new trails at the Sailing Camp Park, with a trailhead for parking on Barnes Road.

The 2012 amendment to the CPA law requires communities to consider projects that are regional in scope. At the 2014 annual town meeting, the voters approved four regional projects, including the relocation of the Gay Head Lighthouse, which was supported by CPA grants from all the island towns. The Lighthouse grant, as well as grants to Martha's Vineyard Little League for Penn Field and the Martha's Vineyard Museum for the Marine Hospital renovation help to leverage money from other agencies, foundations, and individuals. CPA funds have helped to obtain a State Rivers and Harbors grant for the on-going project of preserving of the East Chop Road and Bluff.

At the 2014 annual town meeting, voters approved a total of \$746,664 for these projects:

- Habitat for Humanity affordable house, \$180,000
- Rental Assistance program, \$152,000
- Gay Head Lighthouse, \$111,600
- Marine Hospital Roof and Chimney restoration, \$50,000
- Trinity Church Stained Glass Window restoration, \$18,000
- Dukes County Courthouse Electrical upgrade, \$11,715
- Sailing Camp Park Trails, phase 2, \$50,000
- Sailing Camp Park bank restoration, \$41,600
- Coastal Climate Change plan, \$50,000
- Lagoon Pond Monitoring, \$31,749
- Penn Field, phase 2, \$50,000

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN HUGHES, Chairman  
JEVON REGO, Vice-Chairman  
AMY BILLINGS  
ROSEMARY BYRD  
STEPHEN DURKEE  
BO FEHL  
CHARLES ROCK  
ALISON SHAW  
ADAM WILSON



## MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The mission of the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council is to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretative sciences for the purpose of improving the quality of life for all Island residents. Our grants may be modest in size, but their effects resound mightily through the Vineyard community.

Each year the Council meets on the first Sunday of November to vote on the distribution of grants for the current fiscal cycle. Grant applicants must be residents of the Commonwealth and at work on projects in the arts, humanities or interpretative sciences. Instructions, program guidelines and forms are available at [www.mass-council.org](http://www.mass-council.org), as well as at each town hall and public library. The Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council gives priority to projects originating on the Island and benefiting the year-round Island community.

In December 2014 the Commonwealth allocated the MVCC \$25,800 for local re-granting. The six Island Towns also contributed generously: Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury voted to donate \$1,000, \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,500, \$2,500, and \$2,000, respectively. Together with interest and unclaimed grant funds from the previous cycle, the total available for granting was \$39,857.

In 2014 the MVCC received 69 applications requesting a total of \$168,361.

The awards granted by the MV Cultural Council in their November 2, 2014 Annual Grant Meeting are listed below.

One World Cultural Exchange Program		BiodiversityWorks	
One World: Islands of Tolerance	\$979	Martha's Vineyard Conservation Poster Project	\$285
West Tisbury Free Public Library		MVCS Thrift Shop	
World of the Troubadours and Trobairitz VI	\$338	Re-Fashioned	\$650
Klein, Susan		MVCS Thrift Shop	
Spice of Life: Memoir Organization and Writing	\$511	Needle Book Vol. 3	\$575
Martha's Vineyard Library Association (MVLA)		Witham, Elizabeth	
Mass Memories Roadshow MV	\$659	DocuTunes.TV Episode - Local Musician Profile	\$708
Adult + Community Education of MV		de Langavant, Corinne	
Arts and Humanities in Global Education	\$1,373	Music and Dying	\$107
Martha's Vineyard Museum		Cinema Circus	
Discovering our History w/ Museum Collections	\$459	Filmmaking Enrichment in the School System	\$1,067
Marine and Paleobiological Research Institute, Inc		Martino, Dan	
National Fossil Day Celebration	\$596	Living Shoreline	\$1,121
Polly Hill Arboretum		Witham, Elizabeth M.	
Vanishing Acts: Trees Under Threat	\$767	Gay Head Lighthouse Documentary	\$1,069
Chilmark Free Public Library		Wentworth, Ken	
The Digital Frontier: Stay Safe and Happy Online	\$329	Sustainable Vineyard Documentary Episode	\$667
		The Martha's Vineyard Film Festival	
		Family-Friendly Outdoor Films for All	\$938
		Ditchfield, Miriam	
		Day 90 Post Production	\$665
		Rosenthal, Dean	
		Stones/Water/Time/Breath: An Invitation	\$47
		Rosenthal, Dean	
		Open Space: A CD by Dean Rosenthal	\$121
		Featherstone Center for the Arts	
		Martha's Vineyard Ukulele Festival	\$1,036
		Kirn, Roberta	
		Winter Concert and Community Sings	\$1,033
		U.S. Slave Song Project, Inc - 1854	
		1954, an original Martha's Vineyard opera	\$836
		The Drum Workshop, Inc.	
		"Critical Timing": Drumming Ensemble for Teens ()	\$796
		Knabel, Richard	
		Friday afternoon piano concerts	\$535
		Martha's Vineyard Chamber Music Society (MV CMS)	
		Annual Thanksgiving Concert	\$409
		Miner, Craig	
		Whatever The Outcome #07 and #08	\$902
		Limber, Richard	
		Trophy House Blues	\$580
		Deblase, Diana	
		"Hang It Up"	\$80
		Vineyard Montessori School	
		Arts Program	\$296
		African American Heritage Trail of Martha's Vineyard	
		Boxing Her Way to Equality	\$992
		West Tisbury Free Public Library	
		Linda Carnegie paints the WTL children's room	\$831
		Breeze, Dawn	
		Creativity & Courage Workshops	\$292

Rosenthal, Dean	
"Island: A Soundscape"	\$221
Vineyard Playhouse Co., Inc.	
Theater Factory - Creative Training for All Ages	\$789
Ashley Melone	
New Writers/New Plays (NWNP)	\$952
LeBovit, Elise	
Bread & Puppet Theater comes to Martha's Vineyard	\$825
Martha's Vineyard Museum	
Vineyard Pottery: Overview and Demonstration	\$475
Collins, Stephen	
Theatre of the 30's, 40's, and 50's	\$136
Collins, Stephen	
An Evening with Walt Whitman	\$136
McCarthy, Patricia	
Summer Dink	\$377
McCarthy, Patricia	
The Clothes Swap. A play	\$610
Felipe, Mabelle	
Bella's Musical Puppet Show	\$374
daRosa, Phil	
2nd Martha's Vineyard Sound Festival	\$864
E.St. John Villard & Philip Dietterich	
"Original Score for "Island of Women"	\$312
Swift, Donna	
IMP Story Theater in Third Grade Classrooms	\$813
Noepe Center for Literary Arts/Justen Ahren.	
Author Talk/Reading and Week-long	
Fiction Workshop	\$494
Arts and Society	
Bloomsday	\$250
Dutton, Robert	
Play in a Day Competition	\$536
The Yard Inc.	
Making It	\$575
Laura Sargent Hall and Abby Bender for Built on Stilts	
Built on Stilts Community Dance Festival	\$864
Vineyard Bellydance and Revue, Inc.	
Belly Dance Extravaganza	\$206
Aquinnah Cultural Center	
9th Annual Native American Artisan's Festival	\$1,629
Memorial Day Picnic Committee, Town of Tisbury	
Flying Elbows Music for the Memorial Day Picnic	\$334
Mass Audubon's Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary	
Nature and Art for Adults	\$726
Garden Gate Child Development Center, Inc.	
Dancing w/ The Ocean - An Undersea Exploration	\$223
Silverman, Tricia	
Longevity Secrets of the Okinawans	\$126
Dunayer, Steve	
Canaries - US shoot	\$129
Leithead, M. Hunter	
Artist Residency Summer 2015	\$540
Clark, Richard	
Two to Tango	\$223

YMCA of Martha's Vineyard	
Humani Teen Mentorship and Service Project	\$754
Tisbury School	
Boston Symphony Orchestra Field Trip	\$420
Tisbury School - First Graders	
Big Apple Circus in Boston	\$318
Tisbury School - 5th Grader Science	
Boston Museum of Science Overnight Program	\$790
Debbie Milne, Director Early Childhood Program	
Martha's Vineyard Museum	
Pre-School Cultural Program	\$270
MV Public Charter School	
Sturbridge Village	\$401
MV Public Charter School	
Plimouth Plantation	\$516

As always, we wish to thank West Tisbury Town Accountant Bruce Stone and Town Treasurer Katherine Logue, who have processed the financial transactions of the Council since it became a regional entity in 2003. We are grateful as well to Director Joyce Bowker and the Up-Island Council on Aging for allowing us to use the Howes House as our meeting place.

Respectfully submitted,

BETH KRAMER, Chair

#### Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council 2014 Membership

Aquinnah	Oak Bluffs
THERESA MANNING	HOLLY ALAIMO
ELIZABETH WITHAM, Sec	WENDY PALMER
JAMIE VANDERHOOP	
Chilmark	Tisbury
JEN CHRISTY, V.Chair	NOAVAKAY WIBEL
LINDA THOMPSON	NOREEN BAKER
ALISON MEAD	PHYLLIS VECCHIA
Edgartown	West Tisbury
BRIAN DITCHFIELD	MARTA CAMARGO,
Treas.	
WILLIAM G. VENO	BETH KRAMER, Chair
JAN POGUE	PAUL LEVINE
Ex-Officio	
WIET BACHELLER	DAN WATERS
(emeritus)	
CHRIS DREYER	PIA WEBSTER
DEBORAH SILLIMANWASS	

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## CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

*"I believe saving energy is a win-win. We are helping to reduce our carbon footprint, while also leaving more money in our pockets, both personally and as tax payers. The CLC provides guidance and incentives to help us achieve these savings. With an average \$3 return for every \$1 invested in energy savings this has to be one of the best returns out there for our hard earned dollars. Helping to guide the CLC as Oak Bluffs Representative has been educational and challenging. Please give them a call for your energy savings needs."* – Richard Toole

Cape Light Compact is an award-winning energy services organization operated by the 21 towns and two counties on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. The Compact's mission is to serve its 200,000 customers through the delivery of proven energy efficiency programs, effective consumer advocacy, competitive electricity supply and green power options. For more information, visit [www.capelightcompact.org](http://www.capelightcompact.org).

### POWER SUPPLY

Pricing in 2014 continued to be driven by regional natural gas concerns. The winter of 2013/2014 saw an even more pronounced price spike than was experienced during the preceding winter, as cold weather drove increased demand for natural gas for heating and electricity. This resulted in periodic constraints on the transmission used to transport natural gas into New England, driving natural gas and electricity prices to record highs. While oil units were dispatched to help ensure reliability in the face of limited gas supplies, this further contributed to increased electricity costs.

The repeated winter price spikes to lead to regional conversations about how to resolve the issue. The six New England governors, through the New England States Committee on Electricity (NESCOE), discussed a proposal to procure additional gas pipeline capacity by adding a fee onto the rates of all New England electricity consumers. While the proposal generally received consensus from all six administrations, Massachusetts, following the failure of several Patrick administration-supported energy bills to

pass, withdrew its support of the plan. Instead, the Commonwealth chose to focus on other potential solutions, most importantly, energy efficiency. While the incoming administration may decide to support the NESCOE proposal, several federal approvals would still be needed before it could be enacted. Even if these approvals were awarded, it would still likely take several years before a major expansion in pipeline capacity could be completed.

This means that prices are likely to remain high over the next several years. Pricing periods covering the first half of the year, which includes the most expensive months, are likely to stay very high, while second half pricing will likely be slightly lower. Gas pipeline owner Spectra is pursuing a modest expansion of its existing Algonquin pipeline, but the limited size of the project is not likely to significantly impact prices, and won't be completed before the end of 2016 at the earliest.

In 2014, Cape Light Compact provided energy to residents and businesses in accordance with a competitive electricity supply contract negotiated by the Compact with ConEdison Solutions. For 11 months, the Compact's price was lower than NSTAR's. The Compact also issued an RFP for a new supplier contract starting in December 2014. The contract was awarded to ConEdison Solutions for residential customers and NextEra for commercial and industrial customers. As of the most recent count, the Compact had approximately 3,400 electric accounts in the Town of Oak Bluffs on its energy supply.

### CONSUMER ADVOCACY

Since 1997, Cape Light Compact has advocated for the ratepayers of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard at the local, state and federal level. In 2014, the Compact focused much of its advocacy on grid modernization and time-varying rates. Both issues will have far-reaching impacts on customers on the Cape, affecting reliability, the cost of electricity and how prices are set, and the ability of our systems to accommodate increasing amounts of renewable energy. In March of 2014, the Compact also submitted to the Department of Public Utilities revisions to its Aggregation Plan, a document originally submitted around the time of the Compact's inception. The Compact is currently awaiting a final order from the Department.

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Jan – Dec. 2014	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	18	\$12,657.20	22,339	\$90,300.04
Residential	203	\$27,332.80	338,178	\$293,398.54
Commercial	53	\$77,487.40	1,456,696	\$354,852.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>\$117,477.40</b>	<b>1,817,214</b>	<b>\$738,551.14</b>



Funding for the energy efficiency programs (i.e. energy audits for homes and businesses, rebates on the purchase of energy efficient appliances and energy education in our schools) comes from a monthly customer “energy conservation” charge (\$0.0025 cents multiplied by the number of kilowatt hours used during the month) and a portion of the “distribution charge” (\$0.01510 for residential customers and \$0.00972 for commercial and industrial customers) that appears on each customer’s electric bill.

Other Cape Light Compact Efforts Include:

- 4 ENERGY STAR® qualified homes were built in the Town of Oak Bluffs.
- The Cape Light Compact's Energy Education Program continues to support teachers and students through classroom materials, standards-based education curriculum, teacher training, an island-wide "Energy Carnival" held at the Oak Bluffs School and sponsors the all-island 5th grade Solar Car Race held

in June. In addition, the Compact helps to sponsor the MVRHS Science Fair and educational efforts of the Living Local Festival held at the grange hall in October.

- A total of 252 streetlights in Oak Bluffs were retrofitted with LEDs, saving approximately 100,000 kWh and \$27,000 in energy and maintenance costs annually. In addition, the Compact funded other efficiency measures, primarily variable speed drives for the water district that will save an additional 889,000 kWh per year. In total, this means the Town will save nearly a million kWh per year, or more than 1% of the municipal consumption for all Cape and Vineyard Towns!

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD TOOLE  
Oak Bluffs Representative

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Selectmen and  
the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

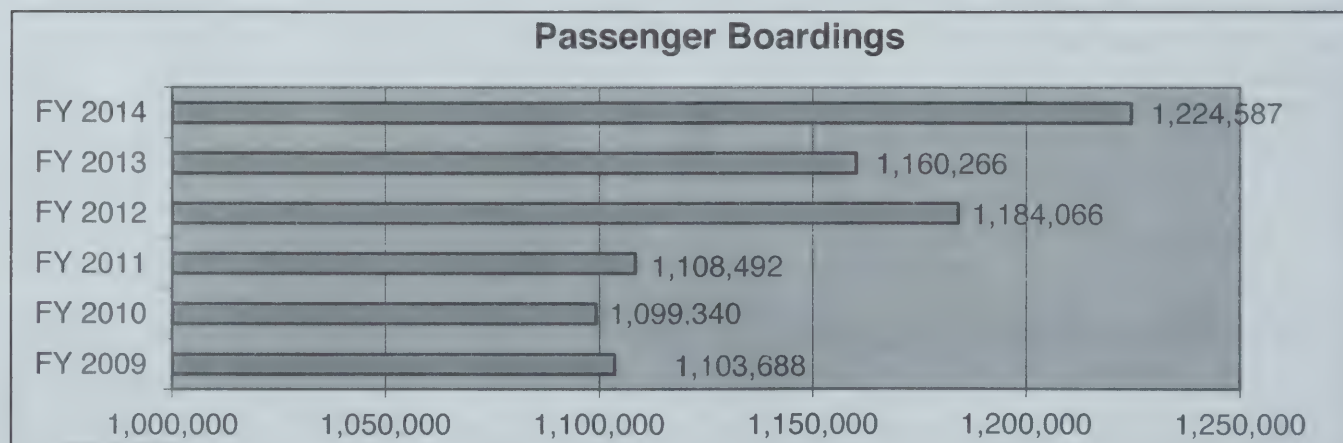
### Ridership

Fiscal Year 2014 showed an increase in ridership for both the in-season and off-season, and an increased use of multi-day travel passes and annual passes.

Fiscal Year 2014 showed an overall increase of 6% in passenger boardings compared to FY 2013. Passenger boarding analysis shows a 2% increase in the FY 2014 off-season ridership from FY 2013.

### Fixed Route Ridership

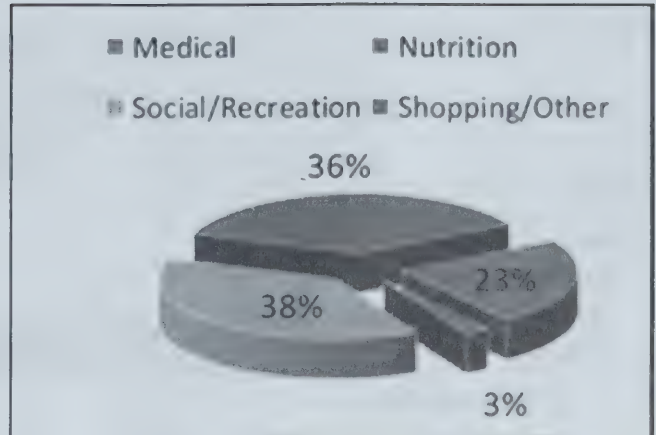
	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
July	261,735	245,214	269,237	290,248	275,455	282,606
August	286,044	265,384	265,686	268,749	291,568	303,175
September	107,316	131,257	118,462	133,887	126,859	129,661
October	69,594	60,675	63,907	67,217	57,637	71,666
November	29,142	28,092	29,096	29,635	29,986	30,053
December	23,381	22,859	23,309	24,760	24,661	24,617
January	20,659	20,364	21,060	22,839	22,162	21,299
February	20,720	20,040	19,673	22,456	20,106	21,624
March	25,737	26,987	25,694	28,798	27,036	26,033
April	38,125	39,630	35,092	42,834	39,240	41,834
May	84,607	91,324	88,395	90,976	87,167	92,847
June	136,628	147,514	148,881	161,667	158,389	179,172
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,103,688</b>	<b>1,099,340</b>	<b>1,108,492</b>	<b>1,184,066</b>	<b>1,160,266</b>	<b>1,224,587</b>



### **"Lift" Ridership**

Fiscal Year 2014 showed a minimal increase in social/recreational service trips on "The Lift" resulting in a 0.6% increase over FY 2013.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Ridership</b>	<b>Change</b>
FY 2007	14,408	
FY 2008	15,265	5.9%
FY 2009	14,578	-4.5%
FY 2010	15,997	9.7%
FY 2011	15,577	-2.6%
FY 2012	14,681	-5.8%
FY 2013	13,219	-10.0%
FY 2014	13,302	0.6%



### **Bicycles**

Each VTA bus is equipped with a bike rack that can hold two or three bikes. These racks are used by passengers on a first come, first serve basis. In FY 2014 the VTA carried 21,252 bicycles.

### **Fare Increase**

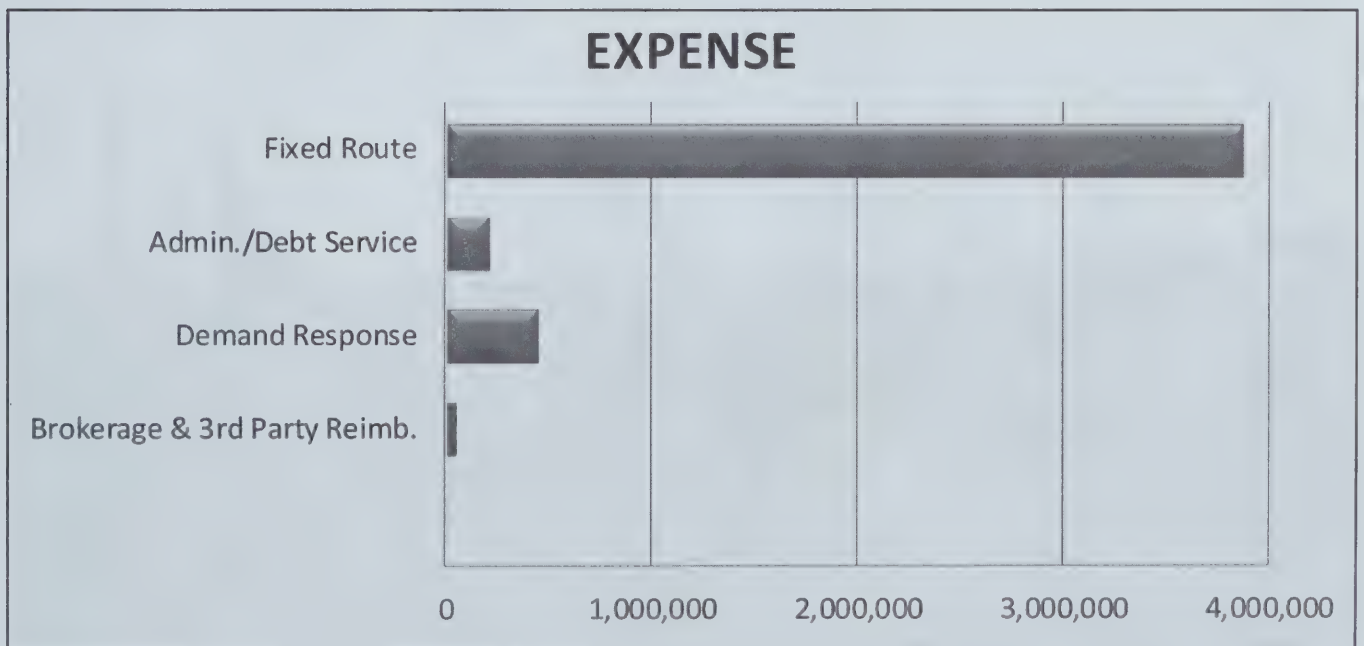
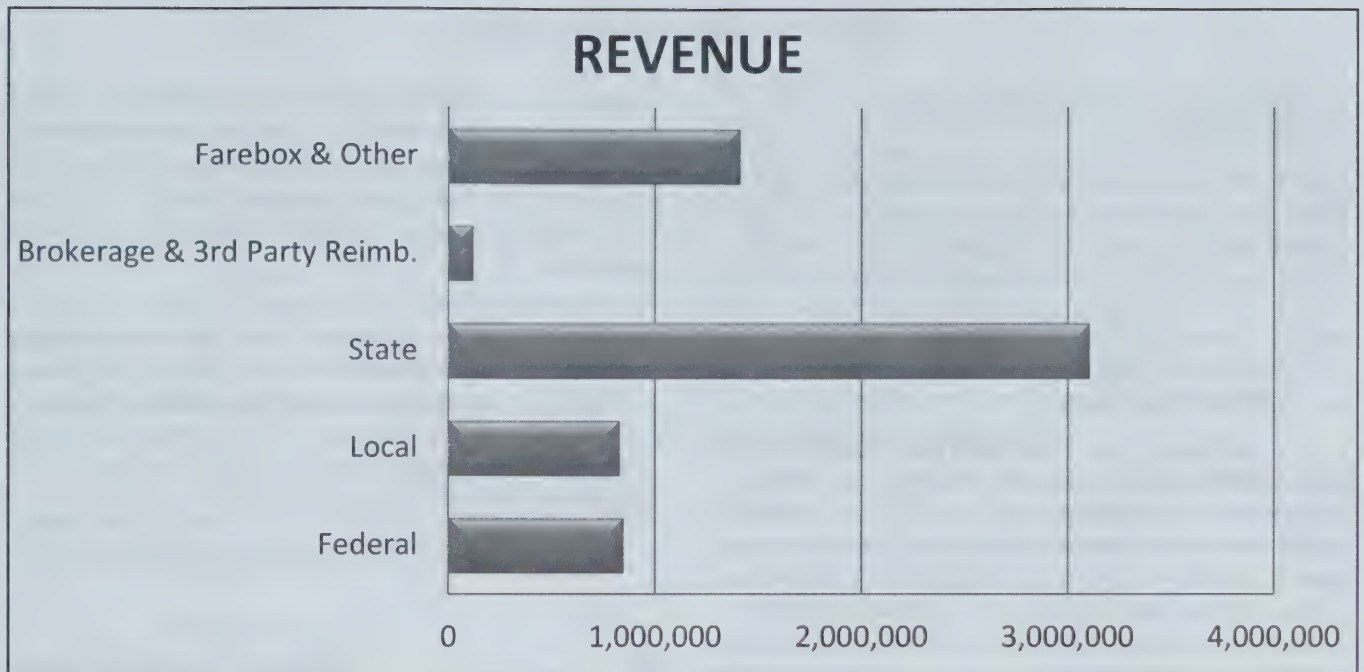
The VTA Advisory Board approved a multi-year fare increase, beginning January 2014:

	Date of Last Increase	Current Fare	1/1/2014	New Fare 1/1/2015	1/1/2016
One Day Pass	October 2009	\$7.00	same	\$8.00	same
Three Day Pass	May 2004	\$15.00	\$18.00	same	same
Seven Day Pass	May 2004	\$25.00	same	same	\$30.00
Annual Pass	May 2004	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$130.00
Senior Annual - Island	January 2010	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00
Youth Annual - Island	May 2004	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00
Zone Fare - Fixed Route	May 2002	\$1.00	same	\$1.25	same
Zone Fare - Lift	May 2004	\$1.00	same	\$2.00	same
Senior/Disabled Zone Fare	May 2002	\$0.50	same	\$0.75	same
Medivan	May 2006	\$10.00	same	\$15.00	same



**Financial****Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2014 and 2013**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,121,824	\$ 597,781
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 2,156,801	\$ 3,271,647
Other current assets	\$ 314,675	\$ 318,213
Total current assets	\$ 3,593,300	\$ 4,187,641
Noncurrent Assets		
Restricted assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 377,720	\$ 455,867
Receivable for capital assistance	\$ 74,893	\$ 19,673
Total restricted assets	\$ 452,613	\$ 475,540
Receivable for operating assistance		\$ 310,051
Capital assets, net	\$ 9,341,887	\$ 9,747,597
Total noncurrent assets	\$ 9,794,500	\$ 10,533,188
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 13,387,800</b>	<b>\$ 14,720,829</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 178,869	\$ 238,239
Total current liabilities	\$ 178,869	\$ 238,239
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Liabilities payable from restricted assets		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 220,071	\$ 232,247
Other postemployment benefits	\$ 114,440	\$ 125,191
Revenue anticipation notes	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 4,100,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	\$ 1,834,511	\$ 4,457,438
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 2,013,380</b>	<b>\$ 4,695,677</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Invested in capital assets	\$ 9,341,887	\$ 9,747,597
Restricted	\$ 118,102	\$ 118,102
Unrestricted	\$ 1,914,431	\$ 159,453
Total net position	\$ 11,374,420	\$ 10,025,152



Respectfully submitted,

ALICE BUTLER, Chairman, Oak Bluffs  
 JOHN ALLEY, West Tisbury  
 JUNE MANNING, Aquinnah  
 CONNIE TEIXEIRA, Tisbury  
 LEONARD JASON, Chilmark  
 LOUIS PACIELLO, Edgartown  
 MARYBETH GRADY, Disabled Commuters Representative  
 ANGELA E. GRANT, Administrator

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

For the calendar year of 2014 the Information Technology Department has begun the process of a major technological and operational overhaul of Town resources. While none of the current projects have reached completion the coming year will bring a new Town website, new online licensing and permitting system, and one of the most sophisticated buildings on the island, the new Oak Bluffs Fire Station.

As with most towns, Oak Bluffs put a high priority on public safety and thus we have enhanced the ability of public safety to operate not only out of Town offices but remote satellite sites and vehicles as well. All public safety vehicles are now online to send and receive this most up-to-date incident information while en-route to a scene or transporting a patient. While the new Fire Station is under construction both the Fire and EMS departments are able to

operate co-locating resources between temporary offices and the Oak Bluffs Highway Barn. As safety becomes a focus Oak Bluffs also has school resource officers at both the Elementary School and Regional High School that are able to operate with the school and police department seamlessly.

As much of this department's duties are to keep computers running and provide Town departments with the technical resources to efficiently provide services there is rarely an opportunity to trumpet the visible achievements of the Information Technology Department. As 2014 comes to an end great things are on the horizon for this department and the Town at large.

Respectfully submitted,

TRAVIS LARSEN  
Information Technology Director



## VETERANS SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

In FY 14, The Veterans Services Department assisted 83 cases in the Town of Oak Bluffs, including financial and medical assistance. The total amount expended was \$48031.10. We can expect 75% of this money to be reimbursed next year by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This year \$36,690.68 was reimbursed for last years services to veterans and their dependents under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115, as amended.

We lost 14 veterans this past fiscal year. All were buried with Military Honors and with a representative from the Veterans Service Office and the Veterans of Martha's

the Holy Ghost Society and Veterans Day Parades in Oak Bluffs. This Veterans Day marked the 4th year that the Town of Oak Bluffs was a recognized site for Veterans Day by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Friday before Memorial Day saw island veterans at the Oak Bluffs School for their community meeting honoring veterans. Cards made by the Oak Bluffs school children were sent to VA Hospitals and to soldiers overseas.

I would like to thank the teachers and students from the Oak Bluffs School for their continued support of our veterans and active duty soldiers.

This year marked the 50th Anniversary of the American Legion Post 257 in Vineyard Haven turning over the deed to War Veterans Memorial Park to the Town of



Vineyard present. All veteran's graves were decorated with flags per MGL 108 CMR 13:03. Thank you to Oak Bluffs Graves Officer Alan "Buddy" DeBettencourt for his assistance.

Veterans participated in 4 parades this past fiscal year: Memorial Day in Tisbury, Fourth of July in Edgartown and

Tisbury. A committee was formed by the Legion and Edson Rodgers, Retired Navy Chief was the Chair. He scheduled the event for June 14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day and was instrumental in getting the Northeast Navy Band to participate in the Parade and Ceremony. They also volunteered to do a free concert for the island at the Tabernacle. Past

Commander Fred Thifault presented the Town with a Congressional Record of the Rededication. We thank Congressman William Keating for providing the Congressional Record of the Ceremony.

On November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Martha's Vineyard Nantucket football game we did a salute and thank you to veterans. This was put together by M.V. Community Services. Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services Secretary Coleman Nee and State Representative Timothy R. Madden were present to hand out Thank you coins to the veterans present.

The contract between The Veterans Administration and M.V. Hospital continues to run smoothly. Dr.

VanBeber from the VA Clinic in Hyannis comes once a month to see veterans for Primary Care.

I continue to write every month on veterans benefits for the 55 Plus Times, go to all veterans organizational meetings, and go to training with the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services.

Respectfully submitted,

JO ANN MURPHY, Director  
Dukes County Veterans Services

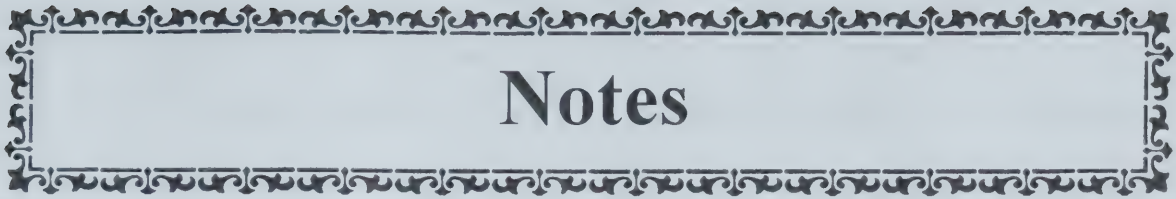


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# Telephone Numbers

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The offices and their call are as follows:

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# Telephone Numbers

All offices in **Town Hall** can be accessed by dialing **508-693-3554**, the operator will list the extensions by Department and individual name.

The offices outside Town Hall are as follows:

Ambulance	508-693-5380
Animal Control	508-693-0857
Fire Department	508-693-0077
Highway Department	508-693-0072
Council on Aging	508-693-4509
Harbormaster	508-693-9644
Highway	508-693-0072
Library	508-693-9433
Parks Department	508-693-6535
Police Department	508-693-0750
Shellfish Department	508-693-0072
Wastewater Department	508-693-0343

**Fax number is 508-696-7736**





